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#9: BEAUTIFUL STRANGER
KRUNCH
SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL...
KRUNCH
SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
SO THIS...
....

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CHARACTER PROFILES

A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT WHO TRANSFERRED TO SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS 1-1. HE CALLS HIMSELF "HARUMA'S COMRADE." HE IS ORIGINALLY FROM SHIGA PREFECTURE AND HIS RESPECT FOR SEISHIRO DREW HIM TO TOKYO. HE LIVES IN THE SCHOOL DORMS AND WORKS PART-TIME TO PAY FOR HIS TUITION.

SHE'S A WEASEL THAT HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE AT SHISEIKAN. HARUMA TENDED TO HER WOUNDS, AND NOW SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM.

THIS CLASSMATE OF HARUMA IS GENTLE AND COOL-HEADED, BUT DEEP DOWN HE'S A PASSIONATE YOUNG MAN AND A HUGE JIN FAN. REN'S THE FRIEND HE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET RID OF.

HE IS ALSO ONE OF HARUMA'S CLASSMATES. PEOPLE CALL HIM THE "FOUR-EYED DETECTIVE." MAYBE THERE'S A MYSTERIOUS ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "HAJIME KANEDA DETECTIVE GROUP."

THE PROTAGONIST OF THE STORY, HARUMA IS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AT SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, AND HE IS IN CLASS 1-1. HE IS RUMORED TO BE THE MOST SKILLED SWORDSMAN IN HIS YEAR. THE MONSTROUS STRENGTH HE DISPLAYED DURING HIS SEARCH FOR HIS TEACHER'S KILLER SOON WON HIM THE NICKNAME "WHITE DAEMON." THAT SAID, HE'S CHRONICALLY SLEEPY AND IS A GUY OF FEW (ALMOST NO) WORDS. SO IT'S GENERALLY HARD TO TELL HE'S EVEN THERE AT ALL. THANKS TO IBUKI, HE'S STARTING TO SEEM A BIT MORE NORMAL.

THIS CLASSMATE OF HARUMA IS VERY IMPULSIVE, PASSIONATE, AND EASILY MOVED TO TEARS. HE'S ALSO NOT VERY TOUGH. IN THE PAST, HARUMA HAS WIPED THE FLOOR WITH HIM...

A MYSTERIOUS SWORDSMAN THAT HARASSED HARUMA. NOT MUCH IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM AT THIS POINT, BUT FROM THE WAY HE TALKS, IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS HE'S A WEIRDO.

A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT SHISEIKAN, HE ENJOYS FLOWER ARRANGING AND TEA CEREMONIES. HE IS JIN'S QUIET, COURTEOUS PARTNER. AMONG THE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS, ONLY JIN IS MORE SKILLED WITH A SWORD. HE'S RESOLVED TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO JIN.

HE IS A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT SHISEIKAN AND THE SCHOOL'S STRONGEST SWORDSMAN. HE AND HARUMA WERE BOTH SEISHIRO'S DISCIPLES. HE DOTES ON HARUMA AND LOOKS OUT FOR HIM, BUT IT ANNOYS HARUMA

A GIFTED SWORDSMAN WHO WAS MURDERED TWO YEARS AGO AT THE AGE OF 23. HE WAS HARUMA'S MENTOR JUST BEFORE HE DIED, HE KILLED INNOCENT CIVILIANS, AN ACT WHICH DESTROYED HIS REPUTATION AFTER HIS DEATH.

SEISHIRO'S LITTLE SISTER (AGE 14) IS A BRAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO GUARDS THE DOJO HER LATE PARENTS AND BROTHER LEFT HER.

HARUMA'S OLDER BROTHER (AGE 27). HIS FATHER IS A FERVENT OPPONENT OF WEARING SWORDS, AND YUKINARI ACTS AS HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN, PROVIDING SUPPORT BEHIND THE SCENES. SINCE HIS BROTHER HARUMA IS STILL DEVOTED TO SEISHIRO, HE'S ON BAD TERMS WITH HIM..

THIS KOKONOE FAMILY SERVANT DOTES ON HARUMA. SHE'S AN ECCENTRIC FORMER STREET GANG MEMBER WHO WEARS A MAID OUTFIT FOR FUN

THE STORY SO FAR

AFTER THE MEIJI RESTORATION, THE MEIJI GOVERNMENT ALLOWED THE SAMURAI TO CONTINUE TO BEAR SWORDS. THIS PRACTICE HAS CONTINUED TO THE PRESENT, BUT THE SAMURAI ARE CONSIDERED TO BE AN ANACHRONISM, SO THE POLITICAL CLIMATE NOW FAVORS FACTIONS AND MOVEMENTS THAT AIM TO BAN THE CARRYING OF SWORDS.

THE FAMOUS ALL-BOYS SCHOOL "SHISEIKAN" STANDS QUIETLY IN THE SHIBUYA WARD OF TOKYO. A PLACE WHERE THE CHILDREN OF SWORD-BEARING CLASS GATHER, THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING SCHOOLS FOR SWORDSMEN. HARUMA KOKONOE, A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AT THIS SCHOOL, IS SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH BEHIND AN INCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO THAT SULLIED THE NAME AND LEAD TO THE MURDER OF HIS MENTOR, SEISHIRO SHINDO. TOGETHER WITH HIS CLASSMATE, IBUKI TAKAHARA, WHO ALSO BELIEVES IN THE INNOCENCE OF SEISHIRO SHINDO, HARUMA HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR CLUES TO CLEAR HIS MENTOR'S NAME.

IT IS NOW FALL, AND PREPARATIONS FOR A BIG EVENT—THE TRADITIONAL FALL "SHISEI FESTIVAL"—HAVE BEGUN. NOW, A MYSTERIOUS BROTHER AND SISTER HAVE APPEARED BEFORE HARUMA LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH CONNECTIONS TO SEISHIRO.

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SEISHIRO!
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.

ANSWER:
178CM
THEY'RE THE SAME HEIGHT.
QUESTION: HOW TALL ARE CHIKARA AND KAZUE?
SAMURAI DRIVE
Q&A 1

I'VE BEEN CONFUSED...
I'VE MET MANY PEOPLE
...AND I DIDN'T GET THERE RIGHT AWAY.
I'VE HAD SO MANY NEW EXPERIENCES...
LISTEN.
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.
AND...
KOUYA.
I GOT IT BACK.
BUT NOW...
I MADE...
...FRIENDS!

I'LL MOVE...
FORWARD.
I FEEL DIFFERENT.
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING IS NEW AND BETTER ABOUT ME.
WITH THIS STRENGTH...
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS...
ABOUT ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU.
IT FEELS DIFFERENT THAN...
...BEING ALONE
WAIT...
...UNTIL THAT DAY.
SO PLEASE...
I WILL NOT FAIL.
YOUR NAME.
I WILL CLEAR...
KOKONOE...
....

POPP
KOKONOE!
IBUKI?
GET UP, HARUMA.
LET'S GET TO WORK.
WE'VE GOT TO GET READY FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
....
?
WHA-?
MAKI, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH THIS?
Pah—
HMM
HARUMA DOESN'T CARE, SO HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT,
BUT IT'S COMING UP SOON.
THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, THAT IS.

PSST
PSST
EVERY YEAR, EVERYBODY GETS REALLY PUMPED FOR IT...
THE SHISEIKAN'S FESTIVAL IS QUITE FAMOUS.
IT'S A PRETTY BIG DEAL.
I guess.
HEY...
HMM?
WE NEED A FAVOR FROM YOU, HARUMA...
KANEDA! STOP GOOFING OFF AND FINISH MEASURING ALREADY!
OKAY!
BY THE WAY, OUR CLASS IS DOING A DOJO-CHALLENGING CAFÉ
PEOPLE CAN DRINK TEA AND HOLD A REAL WORLD

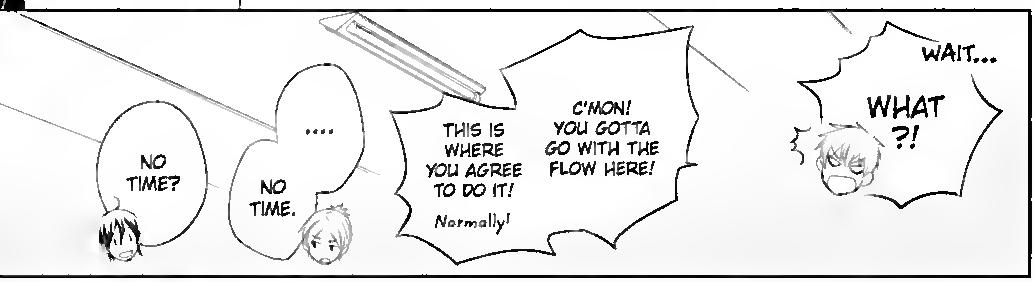
NOT BAD, KID.
UGH!
THE SOUMA BROTHERS ?!
SMAK
ZIPP
HMM?
WHO GOES THERE?!
YOU FOUND US...
TCH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
Something going on?
WE'RE SPYING ON YOU. WHY ELSE WOULD WE BE HERE?
SPYING ?!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF SPYING ON FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS?
YOU SURE YOU'RE TAKING THE SHISEIKAN FESTIVAL SERIOUSLY, RUNT?
EACH GRADE AND EVERY CLASS GETS SUPER COMPETITIVE AROUND HERE.
HEH HEH HEH
OUR SCHOOL IS NOTHING BUT HOT-HEADED GUYS TO START WITH.
SO, THE EVENTS WHERE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER TURN INTO MAJOR BLOODBATHS EVERY YEAR..
順位がつくからわかりやすいわ
THEY'RE RANKED, SO IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY.
WOW..
THE BIGGEST FREE-FOR-ALL IS THE "PINK CARNATION GRAND PRIX."

CROSS-DRESSING...
かっぱ女装…
あん美男子草…?
HE'S GOING TO COMPETE TWO YEARS IN A ROW, HUH?
HE'S LAST YEAR'S CHAMP.
ISN'T THAT THE PRINCE?
WELL, NO MATTER HOW CRAZY THE COMPETITION, WE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING ALL-OUT THIS YEAR TOO. HOW MANLY.
That's why you have to be real careful when picking who will represent your class.
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP THE TITLE OF PRINCE PINK CARNATION!
ALSO SPYING.
こちらも偵察。
THIS IS AN ALL-BOY'S SCHOOL, RIGHT?
だってここは男ばかりの学校
PINK CARNATION?
つなげ
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP AS THE NAME SUGGESTS...
KLUNK
STARE
WHA-?
はっ
EACH CLASS' REPRESENTATIVE...
...PUTS EVERYTHING THEY HAVE INTO THEIR SWORD...
...AND DANCES.
IT'S IMPRESSIVE.
EVERY SINGLE ONE SOUNDS LIFE-THREATENING!
ISN'T THERE EVEN A SINGLE SANE COMPETITION?
THERE'S ALSO THE "SHORT SWORD DARTS COMPETITION" AND...
"SWORD HISTORY QUIZ-KABOOM."
NOT VERY CULTURAL
THERE IS.
"SWORD DANCING."
IT WOULDN'T BE SHISEIKAN'S FESTIVAL WITHOUT IT.
"SWORD DANCING?"

A WHILE AGO, THE EVENT WOULD BE BUSTLING WITH PEOPLE.
BUT YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE THAT NOW.
?
SWORD DANCING IS THE FESTIVAL'S MAIN EVENT.
OUTSIDE PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL DURING THE FESTIVAL.
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A SWORD-BEARER OR NOT. EVERYONE IS ENTHRALLED BY THE DANCE.
MOST PEOPLE VIEW SWORD-BEARERS NEGATIVELY THESE DAYS.
....
SCHOOL FESTIVAL ASIDE, WE'RE JUST NOT WELCOME TO BEGIN WITH.
THEY DON'T LIKE THAT WE EXIST...
I SEE.
OH...
WELL, CHIKARA JUST WANTS TO USE THE FESTIVAL AS AN EXCUSE TO GO WILD.
HA HA HA!
SETTING ASIDE HIS JUSTIFI-CATIONS.
OH...
THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL SO EXCITING THAT THEY CAN'T HELP BUT ACCEPT US!
UGH
SERIOUSLY?
PUNISHING ?!
THEY'RE CONSIDERING REWARDING THE TOP CLASS AND PUNISHING THE BOTTOM CLASS
BUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS SERIOUS.
It's just a rumor though

PSST
RMMBLE
YOU BETTER BE READY.
Ha ha!
GLARE
WHEN IT COMES TO GAMES,
WE PLAY TO WIN.
WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO GIVE YOU EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.
WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS.
SO, HARUMA.
YEAH!
CLASS 1 IS FULL OF SIMPLETONS
NO ONE'S GONNA PUNISH US!
WHOA! THAT WAS PRACTICALLY A DECLARATION OF WAR!
THEY WEREN'T SPYING!
WE CAN'T LOSE TO THEM!
BRING IT ON!
WOULD YOU REPRESENT OUR CLASS...
...IN "SWORD DANCING"??

GIVE US A BREAK.
ヤバイヤバイ
YOU GUYS HAVE SURE TAKEN TO HARUMA.
ESPECIALLY AFTER HE SAVED YOU AT THE OLD AUDITORIUM.
ﾌｰﾋｰﾋｰﾌｰ
YEAH!
LET'S NOT!
I'D RATHER NOT.
WHADDYA SAY, HARUMA?
BUT IF YOU INSIST...
....
EVERYONE IN OUR CLASS WANTS YOU TO DO IT!
PLEASE!
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT HAS TO BE HIM.
ME?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR THE JOB!
YOU'RE THE BEST SWORDSMAN OUR CLASS, NO, THE WHOLE GRADE!
YEAH!
YEAH!


NO TIME?
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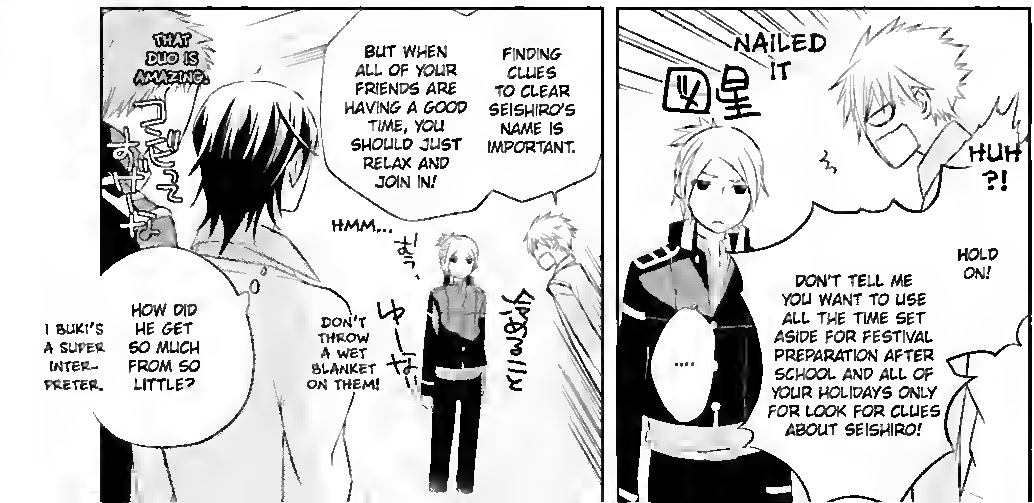
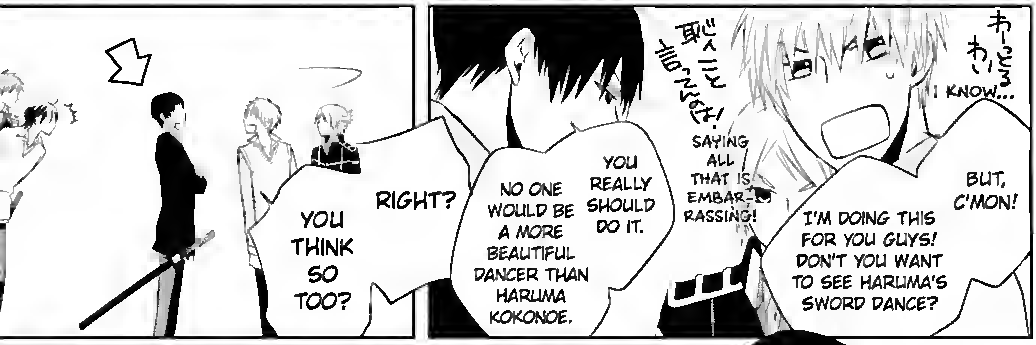
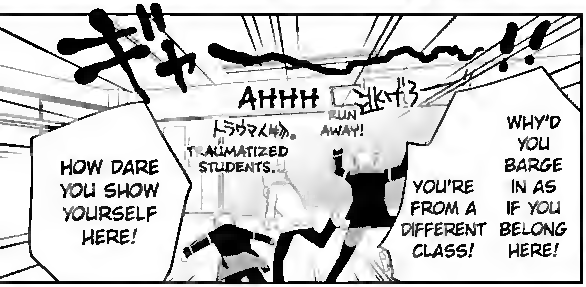
NO TIME.
THIS IS WHERE YOU AGREE TO DO IT!
Normally!
C'MON! YOU GOTTA GO WITH THE FLOW HERE!
WAIT...
WHAT ?!


THAT DUO IS AMAZING.
I BUKI'S A SUPER INTER-PRETER.
HOW DID HE GET SO MUCH FROM SO LITTLE?
BUT WHEN ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME, YOU SHOULD JUST RELAX AND JOIN IN!
FINDING CLUES TO CLEAR SEISHIRO'S NAME IS IMPORTANT.
HMM...
DON'T THROW A WET BLANKET ON THEM!
NAILED IT
HUH ?!
HOLD ON!
....
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO USE ALL THE TIME SET ASIDE FOR FESTIVAL PREPARATION AFTER SCHOOL AND ALL OF YOUR HOLIDAYS ONLY FOR LOOK FOR CLUES ABOUT SEISHIRO!

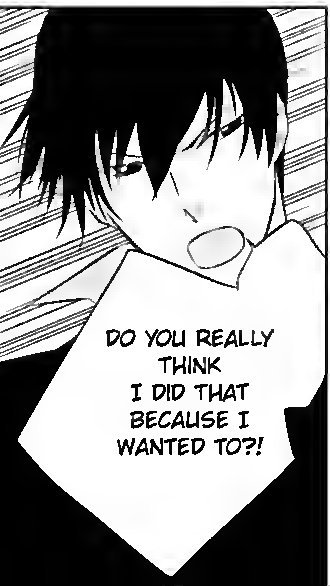
SIGH
I KNOW IT'S NOT THE SAME THING...
I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT SEISHIRO IS TO YOU.
C'MON ALREADY. THIS FESTIVAL ONLY HAPPENS ONCE A YEAR.
IF YOU DO...
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU SHOULD CHERISH MOMENTS LIKE THESE WITH US.
IF THAT'S SO...
UHHH
RIGHT?!
BOTH...
WHAT DID YOU SAY WHEN YOU WERE ASKED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SEISHIRO AND US?
...BUT BACK AT THE AUDITORIUM...
I'M SURE OF IT! I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU!
...WE'LL SHOW YOU A NEW WORLD THAT YOU COULDN'T SEE ON YOUR OWN!

わあ
WOW.
高原くんと
取ったことそうっちゃ!
WOW. THAT WAS UNEXPECTED, BUT YOU CERTAINLY AREN'T SHY...
....
GOT IT?!


RIGHT?
YOU THINK SO TOO?
NO ONE WOULD BE A MORE BEAUTIFUL DANCER THAN HARUMA KOKONOE.
YOU REALLY SHOULD DO IT.
取ったこと言うなよ!
SAYING ALL THAT IS EMBARRASSING!
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU GUYS! DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE HARUMA'S SWORD DANCE?
BUT, C'MON!
I KNOW...


ギャーーーー!!
AHHH
RUN AWAY!
TRAUMATIZED STUDENTS.
HOW DARE YOU SHOW YOURSELF HERE!
YOU'RE FROM A DIFFERENT CLASS!
WHY'D YOU BARGE IN AS IF YOU BELONG HERE!

AHHHHH!
わあああ
SENSYU SUGATANI!
HELLO, HARUMA KOKONOE. HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY?


DO YOU REALLY THINK I DID THAT BECAUSE I WANTED TO?!

GLARE
CAUTIOUS
DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT WHAT YOU DID AT THE OLD AUDITORIUM!

I PLAYED THE ROLE OF THE VILLAIN, EVEN THOUGH IT PAINED ME TO DO SO, AFTER SEEING HARUMA KOKONOE WAVERING BETWEEN HIS FEELINGS FOR SEISHIRO SHINDO AND HIS BUDDING FRIENDSHIPS WITH HIS CLASSMATES. WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?!
IT OPENED YOUR EYES, DID IT NOT?
WHAT A LIAR!
DON'T FORGET THAT EVERYTHING I DID, I DID FOR YOUR BENEFIT.

I SEE.
HE'S LYING!

YOU IDIOT! DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU!
Snap out of it!
PSST
HMM?
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEY, LOOK!
AT THE FRONT GATES!

THE FRONT GATES?
?!
!
A GIRL!
OH?
WHO'S THAT? SOMEBODY'S GIRLFRIEND?
MAKIO! I'M GOING ON A HUNT FOR LOVE RIGHT NOW!
HUH?
WHOOOSH
HEY!
WAIT, REN!
SEE YA!
PSST
TAP TAP TAP
AHHHHHHH!
PSST

DON'T CUT IN LINE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA!
SKIDD
WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU FROM?
I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.
PSST
HERE!
HERE!
YOU'RE CARRYING A SWORD, SO YOU'RE PART OF THE SWORD-BEARING CLASS?
OUT OF THE WAY! OUT OF THE WAY!
PSST
....
ARE YOU HERE ALONE?
WHAT'S UP?
H-HEY!
NERVOUS.
WHOA, SHE'S TINY!
EXCUSE ME?!
WHERE IS HE?
HE'S HERE.
HUH?
MY BROTHER.
どなたのだれか。
A CERTAIN SOMEONE
WHOA.
SHE TOTALLY RESEMBLES A CERTAIN SOMEONE I KNOW.
BUT I'M USED TO HIM, SO THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!
WELL, THEN...!
OH, REALLY.
PSST
SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS THE WHOLE TIME, AND WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING.

COME ALONG NOW...
...WHILE I SHOW YOU AROUND SCHOOL.
WE CAN CHAT A LITTLE...
FWSSH
DO IT.
EEP
SHOW ME.
SHOW ME WHERE I CAN FIND THE ONE CONNECTED TO SEISHIRO SHINDO.

BA-DAA
....
STARE
THIS PERSON HAS A DEEP CONNECTION TO SEISHIRO SHINDO.
SNIFFLE

WHAT'S WITH THAT...?
NO IDEA.
WHO'S THAT?
HOW'S SEISHIRO INVOLVED?
YOU'RE LYING.
REALLY?
YOU DON'T KNOW?

YOU KNOW HER?
UH-UH
DID...

...MY BROTHER...
...COME HERE?

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, IBUKI?
IT'S NOT A LIE! HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW! DOES YOUR BROTHER HAVE SOME KIND OF CONNECTION TO SEISHIRO?
SEE? I CAN'T SPEAK THEIR ALIEN LANGUAGE...
WOW, IT'S LIKE THERE'S TWO HARUMA.
THEY'RE ACTUALLY COMMUNICATING.
THERE'S STILL TIME.
TIME FOR WHAT?
NEXT UP...
SHE'S ASKING ABOUT HER BROTHER OR SOMETHING.
WELL.. JUST THE GENERAL IDEA
I DON'T UNDERSTAND AS MUCH AS HARUMA.
WE CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.
?!
NOT HERE YET...
THEN IT'S OKAY.
I SEE...
...IS YOU.

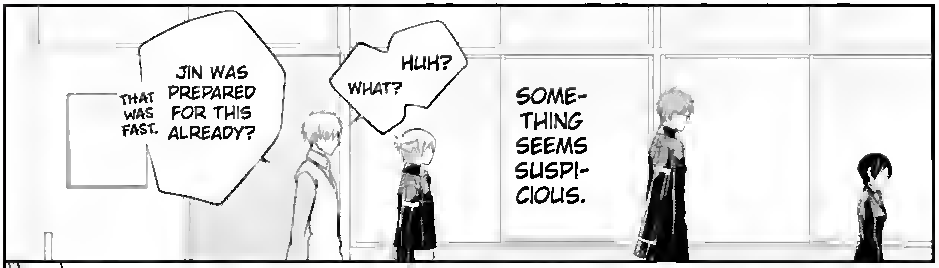
KLAKK
KLIINK
KLANK
AHHH!
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?!
?
FWSSH
ZIPP
YOU'RE...
...TESTING ME.
TAPP

I CAN STOP YOU WITH ONE HAND.
片手で
YOU DON'T PLAN TO CUT ME.
YOU CAN'T WIN...
LIKE THIS.
....
WHAT...
ARE YOU...
LOOKING FOR?
EHHH
I EXPECTED NO LESS...
FROM SEISHIRO SHINDO'S BELOVED PUPIL...
SNIKK
チャキ
YOU READ THE SITUATION CORRECTLY.
IMPRESSIVE.
?!
...JIN SAITO

I'M SORRY.
THAT HAS TO BE THE WORST WAY TO HANDLE A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
GOODBYE.
NOT A =FAN OF JIN.
WAIT!
BOW
LATER...
I MISTOOK YOU... FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
WHO... ...ARE YOU?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IS SHE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
WHY DID YOU COME?
OR...
TMMP
...DOES SHE KNOW SOMETHING?
WHY... DO YOU BRING UP SEISHIRO?
HOW ARE YOU... CONNECTED TO SEISHIRO SHINDO?

SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
AND MENTOR.
BROTHER ...
FATHER ...
SEISHIRO IS MY...
THIS GIRL
...ARE NOT JIN SAITO.
AND YOU...
BROTHER?
....
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.
BUT IT'S ONLY TO JIN SAITO.
!
TMMP
...KNOWS SOME-THING!
SHE...
HEY!
HARUMA!

I CAN'T LET YOU COME WITH HER.
RIGHT NOW,
THIS GIRL IS JIN'S GUEST.
HIDEHITO
WHAT? ?!
...!
WAIT.
FWHH


THAT WAS FAST.
JIN WAS PREPARED FOR THIS ALREADY?
HUH?
WHAT?
SOME-THING SEEMS SUSPI-CIOUS.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT GIRL KNOWS?
FSSH
SOME-THING'S GOING ON!
SOME-THING!
IBUKI!
I KNOW.
Calm down.

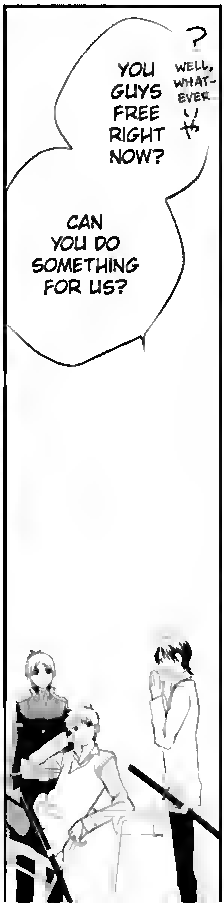
THEN LET'S WORK TOGETHER.
I WANT TO KNOW.
HEY...
SENSYU SUGATANI!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, HARUMA KOKONOE?
?!
IF I CAN OBSERVE YOUR PASSIONATE FIRE SHINING BEAUTIFULLY FROM UP CLOSE,
I WILL LEND YOU A HAND WITHOUT A HINT OF REGRET.
IN THE END, THIS WILL HELP YOU.
THIS BENEFITS US BOTH, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHY, YOU!
G R R R
STOP PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES.
I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL! YOU CAN'T TRUST THIS GUY!

HUH?
HUH?!
I WANT TO TAKE HIS OFFER.
YEAH!
IBUKI.
ARE YOU CRAZY?! HE'S GOING TO TRICK YOU AGAIN!
I KNOW HIM BETTER THAN ANYBODY.
I FOUGHT HIM.
AT THE OLD AUDITORIUM ...
BACK ...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE PICKY.
IT'S FOR SEISHIRO'S SAKE.
HE'LL HELP US.
AND TO ACHIEVE IT,
HE'S LOYAL TO HIS DESIRES.
WE NEED HIS HELP.
AND TRY MY BEST TO MOVE FORWARD.
HIS ONLY WISH IS TO SEE ME STRUGGLE...
SENSYU SUGATANI ISN'T LYING RIGHT NOW.

HARUMA ...
SENSYU ...
...ISN'T THAT BAD OF A PERSON.
I think.
BESIDES ...
HE'S JUST ...
BEING HONEST WITH HIMSELF, RIGHT?
Very
....
HE'S TOTALLY EVIL!
HUH? WHAT?
TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY.
THAT'S RICH.
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON ...
HEH...
HA HA HA HA HA!
VERY INTER-ESTING.
THEN WE HAVE AN ALLIANCE.
RIGHT?

DO WHAT YOU WANT.
FINE.
GLRRE
OH.
GEEZ.

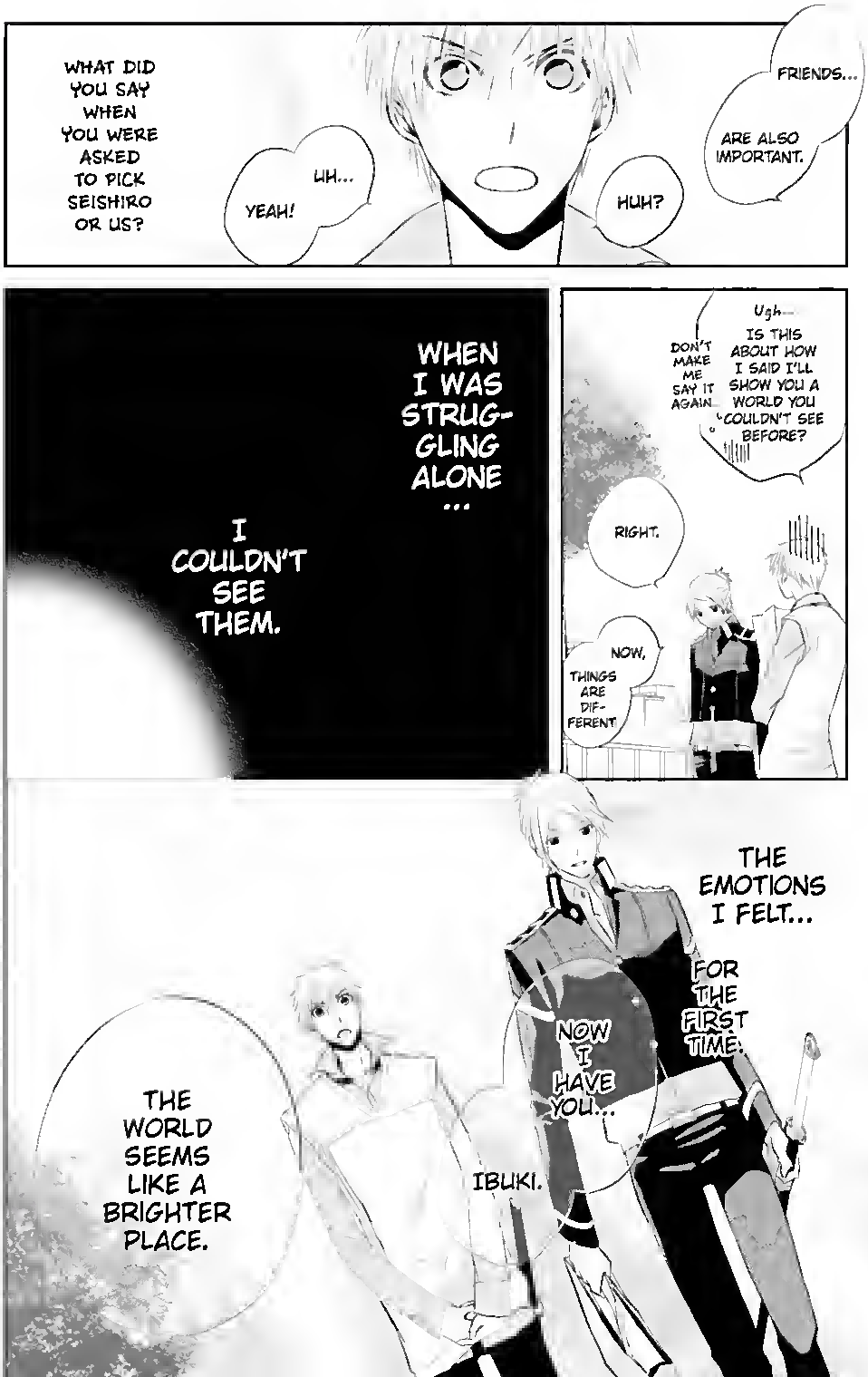
SO...
SO THEY SENT US SHOP-PING...
NOW IT'S LIKE WE'RE PREPARING FOR THE FESTIVAL...


WELL, WHATEVER!
YOU GUYS FREE RIGHT NOW?
CAN YOU DO SOMETHING FOR US?

WELCOME BACK.
HEY.

HOW WAS IT?
SENSYU SAID HE'LL GO GATHER INFO.
HUH?

IBUKI.
DO YOU... AGREE WITH IT?
WHAT?
HMM? (with what?)
OH, WITH SENSYU?
BACK THERE.
YEAH. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU GET REAL STUBBORN ONCE YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND.
I JUST HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE OPEN.
NO. THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS...
WHAT?
NOTHING...
MOVED FOR SOME REASON...
WOW...
HE ACTUALLY THINKS OF ME AS A FRIEND. I guess.
SERIOUSLY, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
LIKE YOU SAID, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PICK AND CHOOSE HOW TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT SEISHIRO.
STILL, YOU DON'T OFTEN ASK OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS... WHEN IT COMES TO SEISHIRO.
HUH?
IBUKI, YOU SAID IT...


WHAT DID YOU SAY WHEN YOU WERE ASKED TO PICK SEISHIRO OR US?
UH...
YEAH!
HUH?
FRIENDS...
ARE ALSO IMPORTANT.
WHEN I WAS STRUG-GLING ALONE ...
I COULDN'T SEE THEM.
Ugh—
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN.
IS THIS ABOUT HOW I SAID I'LL SHOW YOU A WORLD YOU COULDN'T SEE BEFORE?
RIGHT.
NOW, THINGS ARE DIF-FERENT
THE EMOTIONS I FELT...
FOR THE FIRST TIME.
NOW I HAVE YOU...
IBUKI.
THE WORLD SEEMS LIKE A BRIGHTER PLACE.

AND TAKE CARE OF ME?
YOU...
THAT'S WHY...
YOU'LL RESPECT ME...
HE JUST GOES TO EXTREMES.
IT'S NOT THAT.
NO...
....
Y-YOU'VE CHANGED
YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU'RE WAY TOO AWK-WARD OF A PERSON!
BUT...
BEING ALL OR NOTHING ...
WON'T THAT MAKE YOU TOO VULNERABLE?
WHEN HE WANTS TO BE ALONE, HE DOESN'T LET ANYONE IN.
BUT ONCE HE LETS HIS GUARD DOWN, HE GIVES YOU EVERY-THING.
THERE ARE ONLY TWO CHOICES .
HEY.
YOU TWO OVER THERE.
誠士郎さんも天国で辰ぶ様ぁ〜よ
SEISHIRO MUST BE A NERVOUS WRECK IN HEAVEN!

VROOM
YOU'RE WEARING SHISEIKAN UNIFORMS.
C'MERE!
WHY IS THIS SUCH A LONG TRIP, DAMMIT?
WHOA! HOW DID WE GET INVOLVED WITH THIS HUGE GUY!
HMM?

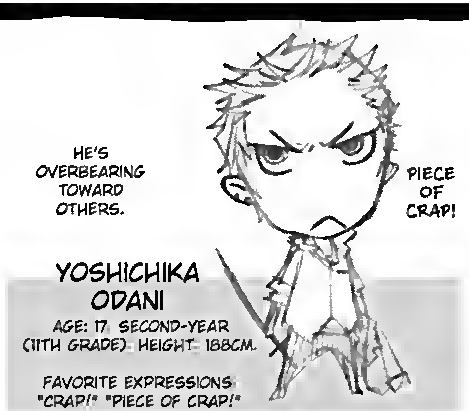
CITY FOLK ARE LIKE THAT. JUST SEEING A SWORD SETS THEM OFF!
BESIDES, THERE ARE TOO MANY LANES IN TOKYO! I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH ONE TO USE TO GET WHERE I'M GOING. CONSARN IT.
WHERE IS THIS GUY FROM ANYWAY?
CONSARN IT?
ACTUALLY, I THINK THEY WERE AFRAID OF YOUR SCARY-LOOKING FACE.
HUH?
YOU GUYS ARE TOO, RIGHT? IT AIN'T EASY THESE DAYS.
I ASKED A FEW OTHER FOLKS TO SHOW ME THE WAY TO SHISEIKAN ...
BUT THEY GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY.
HEY, YOU'RE A SWORD-BEARER?
YEAH.
SURE. WE'RE ON THE WAY BACK THERE ANYWAY.
RIGHT. CAN YOU SHOW ME THE WAY TO SHISEIKAN?
SO YOU GOT LOST, THEN?
ISN'T THAT SWORD THE SAME AS SEISHIRO SHINDO'S?
IS THAT A REPLICA?
HEY, YOU. YEAH, YOU. WHITE-HAIR.
BY THE WAY, NO PROBLEM.
IT'S RARE TO SEE A SWORD-BEARER FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL.
YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RIGHT?
THANKS.
HUH?
WELL, I'M JUST HERE TO TAKE CARE OF A FEW THINGS

GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE CLOUDS—DON'T SHOW RESPECT TO A PERSON YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.
HUH?
WELL...
THIS ISN'T A REPLICA.
IT'S THE REAL TH—
KNOCK THAT OFF.
THAT GUY...
IS A PIECE OF CRAP!
?!
END

Samurai Drive

SAMURAI DRIVE CHARACTER PROFILE - PART 10

HE'S A STUDENT FROM THE NORTHERN KANTO REGION WHO USES STRANGE EXPRESSIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. A MASTER AT GETTING LOST, HE'S PART OF THE SWORD-BEARING CLASS, BUT ATTENDS A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S THE SECOND SON OF THE ODANI FAMILY AND PART OF A CLOSE-KNIT GROUP OF SIBLINGS. HE'S THE TYPE THAT MOVES BEFORE THINKING. HE COMPLETELY SPOILS HIS LITTLE SISTER, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY VERY CLOSE TO HIS OLDER BROTHER TOO. IN SHORT, THE WHOLE FAMILY IS REALLY CLOSE. ALMOST TO THE POINT OF BEING CREEPY. HE AND JIN LEARNED SWORD FIGHTING TOGETHER. HE UNILATERALLY DECIDED JIN WAS HIS RIVAL, BUT JIN COULDN'T CARE LESS (PLUS RECENTLY, THERE IS THE ISSUE WITH SEISHIRO), SO YOSHICHIKA IS QUITE BOTHERED BY THE SITUATION.



YOSHICHIKA ODANI

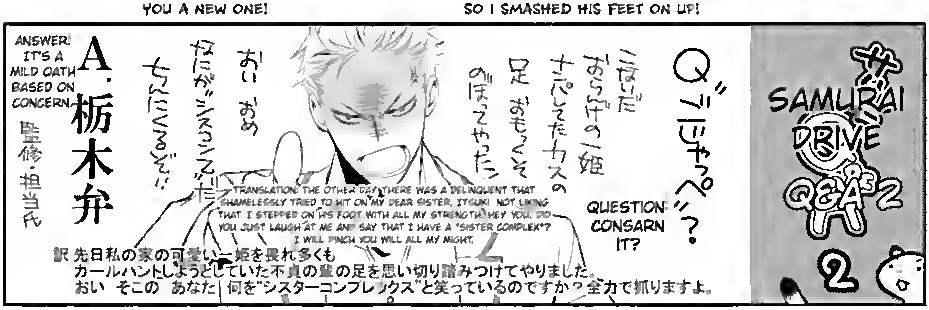
AGE: 17. SECOND-YEAR (11TH GRADE). HEIGHT: 188CM.

FAVORITE EXPRESSIONS: "CRAP!" "PIECE OF CRAP!"

#10: VISITORS FROM THE NORTH

HEY! DID YOU SAY I HAVE A "SISTER COMPLEX"? I'LL RIP YOU A NEW ONE!

THE OTHER DAY, SOME IDGIT TRIED TO PICK UP MY PRECIOUS ITSUKI SO I SMASHED HIS FEET ON UP!


SAMURAI DRIVE Q&A 2
Q 二ばいだおらぶの一姫 ナンパした力スの足 おもっくそのぼってやった
A 栃木弁 おこ おめ なにがシスコンだ ちんこいわんだ
ANSWER! IT'S A MILD OATH BASED ON CONCERN
監修・担当
SUPERVISED BY EDITOR
TRANSLATION: THE OTHER DAY, THERE WAS A DELINQUENT THAT SHAMELESSLY TRIED TO HIT ON MY DEAR SISTER, ITSUKI. NOT LIKING THAT I STEPPED ON HIS FOOT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH. HEY, YOU! DO YOU JUST LAUGH AT ME AND SAY THAT I HAVE A "SISTER COMPLEX"? I WILL PINCH YOU WILL ALL MY MIGHT.
QUESTION CONSARNIT?
訳 先日私の家の可愛い一姫を長れ多くもカールハントしようとしていた不貞の輩の足を思い切り踏みつけてやりました。おい そこの あなた 何を"シスターコンプレクス"と笑っているのですか？全力で抓りますよ。

KRANGG
WHOA! HARUMA!
TAKE IT BACK!
TAKE IT BACK NOW!
SHAAH
WHEN HE GETS LIKE THIS...
NOW HARUMA HAS COMPLETELY SNAPPED.
THAT GUY INSULTED SEISHIRO.
AHHH
WOAH
OH NO!
HE'S TURNED INTO WHITE DAEMON.
WHOA! WAIT WAIT WAIT!
YOU WANNA FIGHT WHITE-HAIR?
KRNNG
HE CAN'T BE STOPPED EASILY!

SMAK
THUDD
SNAP
?!
UGH!
?!
MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE UP AGAINST...
WHUPP
!

!
WHAT?
H-HARUMA!
HE TOOK DOWN...
THUMP
...BEFORE YOU DRAW YOUR SWORD.
PSST
THIS GUY...
I'M ALREADY RESTRAINING MYSELF. LISTEN UP.
WE'RE SORRY FOR ATTACKING YOU FIRST...
W...
WAIT!
THE WHITE DAEMON INSTANTLY?!
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT SEISHIRO SHINDO.
TALK.
WHO IS HE?!

ARE YOU CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIM THAT HE WOULD LEAVE YOU HIS SWORD?
HE'S TRYING TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT SEISHIRO?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?
CRAP! HE HEARD ME!
まずい きたぞ…
?!
FWIPP
IF YOUR SWORD'S THE REAL THING, NOT A REPLICA, YOU HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO HIM.
I CAN'T FEIGN IGNORANCE...
WHAT'S GOING ON? A FIGHT?
PSST
ヒソ!
LISTEN, BLONDIE...
I AIN'T KIDDING AROUND.
FWWWHH
I'M SERIOUS.
KLAK
I'M THE ONE ASKING QUESTIONS!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
ABOUT SEISHIRO?
DON'T MAKE ME ASK AGAIN!

I'LL DO ANYTHING TO EXPOSE THAT LOWDOWN BASTARD FOR WHO HE REALLY WAS.
KEEP YOUR MOUTH...
SHUT!!
SEISHIRO IS...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SEISHIRO.
HE TOOK AWAY SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO ME.
I WANT REVENGE!
WHAT?
UGH!
BUT...
HARUMA!
KLAK
I DON'T, DO I?
MISUNDERSTOOD BY SOCIETY AND HATED.
THIS POWERFUL HATRED...
I KNOW HIM REALLY WELL.
I'VE BEEN AFTER HIM A LONG TIME.
GRRIIT

SHIIIK
THAT'S ENOUGH.
HOW ABOUT YOU GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY SWORN BROTHER?
!
HAAHH
JIN...
SAITO!
DID I KEEP YOU WAITING, HARUMA?
?!
HEY, IBUKI.
JIN!

CLANG
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
YOSHICHIKA.
SHUT UP, JIN...!
SKREEE
?!
KRANNG
HA HA. WHAT ABOUT HIM?
I'LL HAVE YOU TELL ME ABOUT SHINDO TODAY!
THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?!
WHAT ...?
YOU ALREADY KNOW.
AND THIS TIME, I'LL GET INFO FROM THAT WHITE-HAIRED KID.

KLANG
I WOULDN'T BOTHER.
!
IT WON'T HELP.
KRAK
PSST
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
....
HE'S THE DAEMON GOD ALL RIGHT.
HE STOPPED HIM SO EASILY...
JIN'S AMAZING ...
DAMMIT!

YEAH, YOU!
TWEET
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DRAW YOUR SWORD IN PUBLIC!
AND YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DUEL EITHER!
HEY!
TWEET TWEET
YOU TWO SWORD-BEARERS THERE!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING?
WHAT DID HE MEAN?
RMMBLE
TWITCH
GRR
KNOCK IT OFF, CHIKA.
HEY NOW.
SHUT THE HELL UP! GO AWAY! I'M NOT SOME SIDESHOW FREAK!
WHAT?!
Don't call me that! It creeps me out!
I'm trying to take care of this peacefully.
BROTHER!
YEAH! YOU'VE GOT NO SENSE AT ALL!
PSST
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE PRIVILEGES
DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE SPECIAL!
WHAT?!
I'M SORRY, OFFICER.
IT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.
IT'S COMMON SENSE AMONG SWORD-BEARERS!
NEW COP
GLLRR
B-BUT, YOU'RE DISTURBING THE PEACE!
AS AN UPSTANDING SWORD-BEARER.
AN INNOCENT BOY WAS BEING HARASSED, SO I CAME TO MEDIATE.

FWSSH
HUH? THAT GIRL...
ITSU...
EHH?
DID— SHE SAY "BROTHER"?
THANKS FOR BRINGING HER HERE
WHAT?
UHHH
WHAAA?
WHY'D YOU COME OUT HERE ALL BY YOURSELF?!
WHY ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
?!
ITSUKI!
SKWEEZE
GRAGH
PEOPLE ARE LOOKING!
YOU FOOL! DON'T TAKE IT OFF!
BRO.
LISTEN TO YOUR BROTHER!
FWIPP
BROTHER
GRAGH
GRAGH

FWIPP
BROTH...
...ER.
FLIK

LATER

YOUR BROTHER WANTED TO TALK TO JIN...
OH, IT'S OKAY.
UMM...
AND YOU CAME AFTER HIM? ALL THE WAY TO SHISEIKAN?
AND YOU JUST MISSED EACH OTHER?
SO, WHAT'S GOING ON?
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED.
PSST
PSST
NODD

I'M...
BOW
...SORRY.

THIS GUY IS A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
HEY! YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR TONE WHEN YOU TALK TO HER.

TO STOP...
...YOU.

ITSUKI.
!
WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME?

IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE FAMILY!
EVEN IF IT MEANS USING FORCE!
SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO DO WHAT IT TAKES.
STOP HIM?
YOU ALWAYS GO OUT OF CONTROL.
YOU PROBABLY FOUGHT WITH PEOPLE HERE TOO.
I WAS JUST TALKING TO THEM.
ITSUKI!!
DON'T BE RECKLESS! I ALWAYS HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT!
BUT.
I KNOW.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
I WOULD DO.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT...
GWIPP
IF YOU GET INTO TROUBLE...
...AND I LOSE YOU TOO...
SUSUU
AAH!
...!
OKAY! THIS IS GETTING TO BE A LITTLE MUCH
THIS TIME, I'LL LET THIS PASS...
FOR ITSUKI'S SAKE.

I'LL BE BACK.
YOU CAN COUNT ON IT.
AND YOU WILL TALK.
MY NAME IS YOSHICHIKA ODANI.
BUT...
REMEMBER THIS.
OUT OF THE WAY! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
EEEK
PSST
I WILL...
...BE BACK TOO.
I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU.

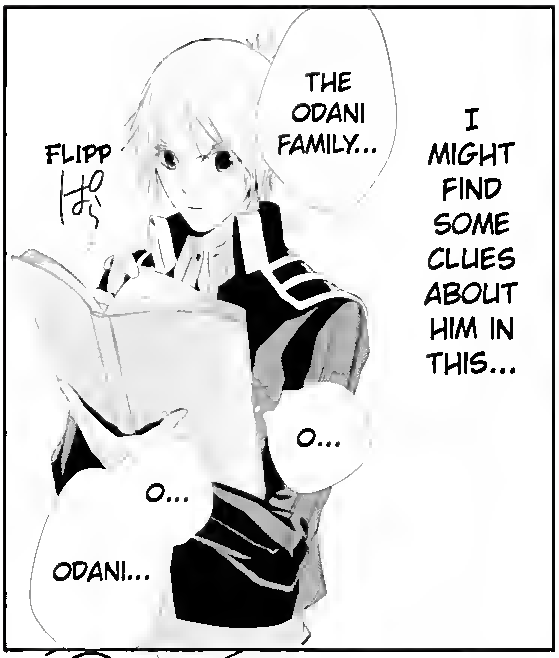
GRRSH
AH HA!
TALK.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?
TMPP
TMPP
HE WANTED REVENGE!
HE'S CONNECTED TO SEISHIRO!
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
I HAD A BAD FEELING AND STARTED LOOKING FOR YOU GUYS. AND JUST AS I THOUGHT...
AND HE'S QUICK TO START A FIGHT TOO.
WE'VE BEEN RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN STUBBORN.
HIS NAME IS YOSHICHIKA.
AND...
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING THAT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING?

THAT'S...
...BETWEEN ME AND SEISHIRO.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.
HE SEEMS TO KNOW EVERY-THING...
...BUT NEVER TELLS ANYONE ANYTHING.
JIN...
GRRT
WHY?
IF YOU KNOW SOME-THING, TELL ME.
BUT YOU WON'T REVEAL THE TRUTH.
YOU REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

WHY DON'T I KNOW ANYTHING?!
I KNOW THERE'S SOME-THING.
WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME?
WHAT I WANT TO PROTECT...
IF YOU'RE A FELLOW DISCIPLE...
WHY WON'T YOU CLEAR SEISHIRO'S NAME?!

...IS NOT THE PAST, BUT THE PRESENT.
WHY? WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO HIM?
FWIPP
!
HEY, HARUMA?
YOU GOING BACK?!
...AS THE PAST?!
HOW CAN YOU JUST BRUSH IT OFF...
....
JIN...
IT'S FINE, HIDEHITO.
IT'S FINE...
BARBARIAN...

YOU PEOPLE
SOMEONE STILL BELIEVES IN HIM? OH, THAT'S JUST GREAT.
HE'S DEVOTED TO SEISHIRO SHINDO.
DRAWING YOUR SWORD IN BROAD DAYLIGHT...
GLARRE
KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SEISHIRO!
THUMP
I'M THE SAME AS THEM.
RSSTLE
KLATTR
TWTCCH
WHA...
NO...
WHAT?!
I DON'T KNOW...
...ANYTHING.
FOUND IT.
KLATTR


FLIPP
THE ODANI FAMILY...
I MIGHT FIND SOME CLUES ABOUT HIM IN THIS...
O...
O...
ODANI...

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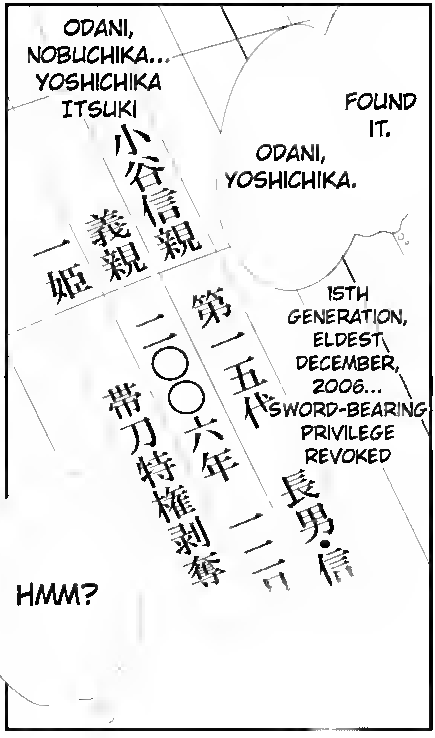
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FOUND IT.
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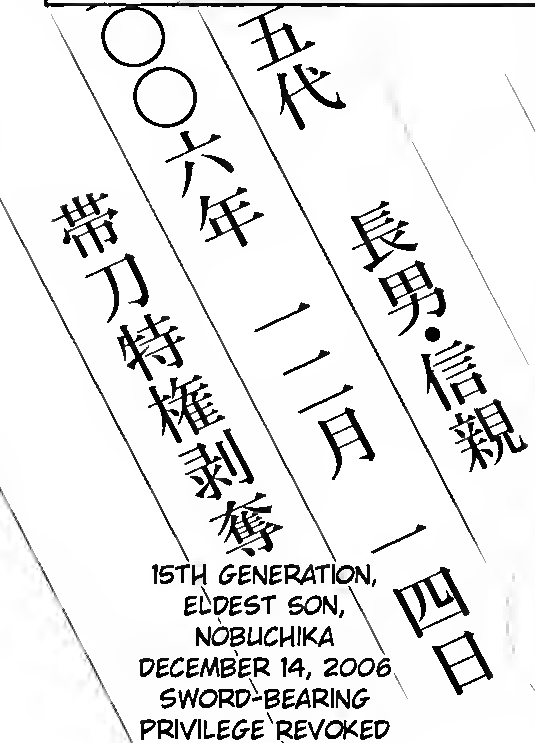
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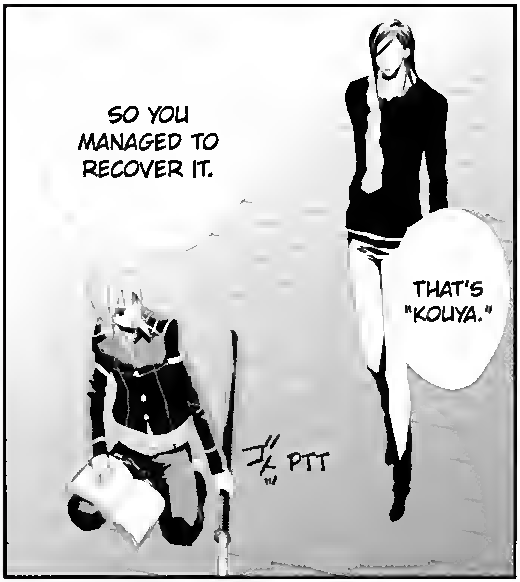
15TH GENERATION, ELDEST SON, NOBUCHIKA DECEMBER 14, 2006 SWORD-BEARING PRIVILEGE REVOKED

NOBUCHIKA ODANI'S RIGHT TO BEAR SWORDS WAS REVOKED?
KLAK
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?


SO YOU MANAGED TO RECOVER IT.
THAT'S "KOUYA."
PTT

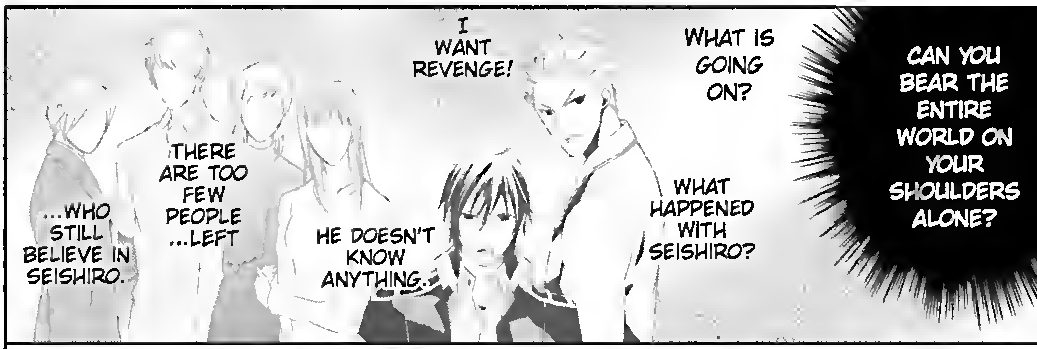
!
....
YUKINARI...

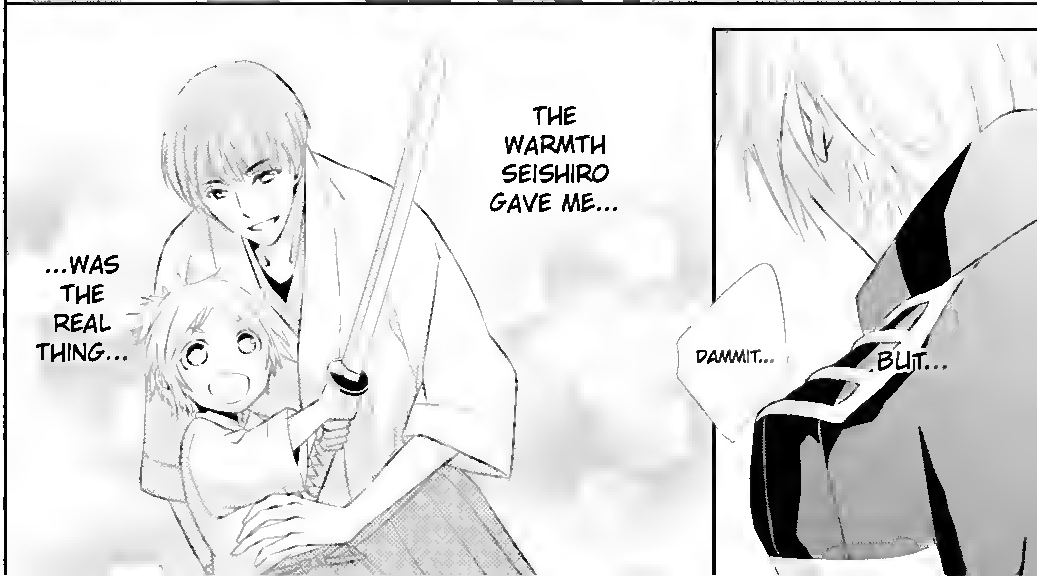
ODANI?
OH.
THE MAN WHO TOOK THE FALL FOR SEISHIRO.
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
SLAMM
!
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO...
...KEEP CLUTCHING ONTO THAT SWORD?
AND ONTO SEISHIRO?

WITH THE BAN ON CARRYING SWORDS TO BE ENACTED SOON, THE WORLD OF THE SWORD HAS NO FUTURE.
CAST AWAY...
...THE PAST AND THAT DYING WORLD.
NO ONE BELIEVES IN SEISHIRO ANYMORE.
YOU ARE THE LAST MEMENTO OF OUR LATE MOTHER, AMANE.
SHE PUT YOU INTO MY CARE.
YOU TRUST SEISHIRO UNCONDI-TIONALLY.
THAT WILL PUT YOU IN DANGER.
YUKINARI?
EVEN SO...

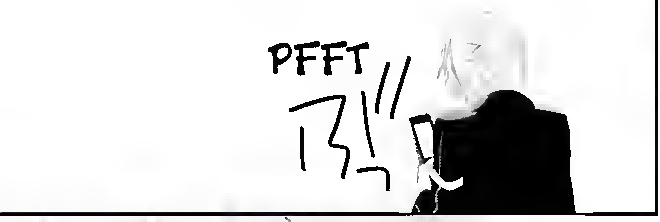
UNTIL I FIND OUT THE TRUTH.
THAT IS WHY I HATE YOU.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY...
I WON'T QUIT.
DO YOU THINK...
...YOU ARE REALLY READY?
CAN YOU BEAR THE ENTIRE WORLD ON YOUR SHOULDERS ALONE?

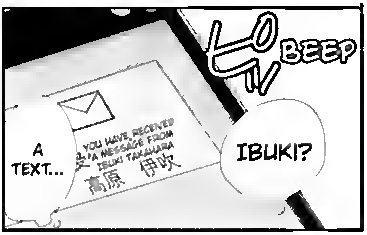
SHINDO DOJO


CAN YOU BEAR THE ENTIRE WORLD ON YOUR SHOULDERS ALONE?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
I WANT REVENGE!
WHAT HAPPENED WITH SEISHIRO?
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING...
THERE ARE TOO FEW PEOPLE ...LEFT
...WHO STILL BELIEVE IN SEISHIRO.


...WAS THE REAL THING...
THE WARMTH SEISHIRO GAVE ME...
DAMMIT...
BUT...

TO: HARUMA
SUBJECT: TODAY
DON'T JUST LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING. THANKS TO YOU, MAKIO YELLED AT ME FOR BEING LATE. YOU BETTER BRING WHAT WE BOUGHT TOMORROW.





それと
さっき腹立ったのおまえだけじゃねえぞ
AND...
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT'S MAD.
だから真実
だから俺等で真実明かすんだろ前も言ったじゃん
忘れんなよ!!
THAT'S WHY I SAID THAT WE'LL FIND THE TRUTH TOGETHER. DON'T FORGET THAT!
WE'LL FIND IT.

THRUNK
UMM, HARUMA?
YUKARI.
HE FEELS THE SAME AS ME.
U-UM, HARUMA.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY!
?
ABOUT WHAT?
ALL I CAN DO...
...IS LISTEN TO YOU.
BUT I ALSO CARE ABOUT MY BROTHER TOO.
YOU'RE REALLY KIND.
SO I KNOW YOU ALWAYS COME HERE WHEN YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH MY BROTHER. YOU COME HERE EVERY SINGLE TIME.
THAT'S WHY...

SUSUSU
PATT
BEEP
YUKARI.
YOU'RE AMAZING.
?!
YES?
WE FEEL THE SAME WAY.
YOU'RE NOT...
...ALONE!
YOUR PHONE'S RINGING.
HEY, TAKAHARA.
OH.
THANKS.
BEEP
I HAVE FRIENDS.
?
YOUR PHONE?
BEEP
BEEP
A TEXT MESSAGE
BEEP

I GOT A MESSAGE.
WHOA! IT'S FROM HARUMA!
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
?!
PFFT
ぶはっ
HE ACTUALLY TEXTS PEOPLE?
IT'S THE FIRST ONE I'VE GOT.
HE NEVER RESPONDS
返事とか。
WHAT DOES IT SAY?
OH.
件名 ▶ RE:今日DAY
From ▶ 九重晴馬KOKONOE
OK
THAT'S ALL?
END
IT'S SO LIKE HIM.
AND?

OH?
WELL, NOW.
THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING.
END

至誠館

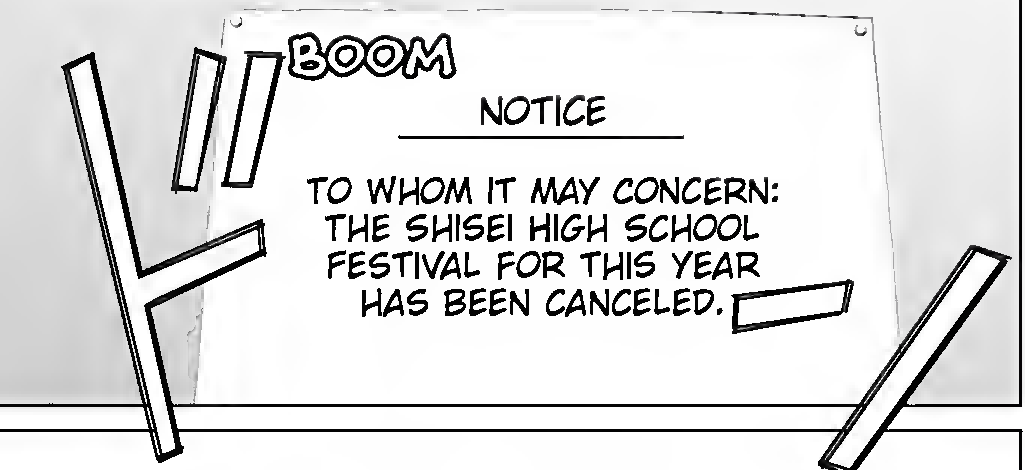
SHISEIKAN

SAMURAI DRIVE CHARACTER PROFILE - PART 11

SHE'S EXPRESSIONLESS AND SPEAKS IN FRAGMENTS.
SHE'S THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE ODANI FAMILY AND IS LIKE A FEMALE VERSION OF HARUMA. LIKE ALL MEMBERS OF THE ODANI FAMILY, SHE CARES DEEPLY FOR HER SIBLINGS AND LOVES THEM UNCONDITIONALLY.
SHE'S TACITURN, BUT KINDHEARTED, AND SHE IS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HER LOVED ONES. SHE IS LOVED BY HER BROTHERS (YOSHICHIKA IS ESPECIALLY OVERBEARING BECAUSE HE'S INTENT ON PROTECTING HER), BUT SHE'S MORE THAN CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HERSELF.
SHE IS THE FINAL WEAPON (OR MAYBE THE ONLY WEAPON) THAT CAN STOP YOSHICHIKA PEACEFULLY WHENEVER HE GOES OUT OF CONTROL.
IF SHE AND YUKARI MEET, THEY MIGHT BECOME GREAT FRIENDS.
BECAUSE YUKARI IS USED TO HARUMA.

ITSUKI ODANI

AGE: 16 FIRST-YEAR
HEIGHT: 158CM
IDIOSYNCRASY: INTENSE BOND WITH HER SIBLINGS



THE SHISEI HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL FOR THIS YEAR HAS BEEN CANCELED.

#11: TEAMWORK

WAHH
WHAT'S GOING ON, MAKI! YOU'RE PART OF THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE!
WELL...
THAT'S THE THING...
THEY JUST TOLD US AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING...
WHY WOULD THE TEACHERS DECIDE SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT ON THEIR OWN?!
YEAH!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THIS WASN'T OUR DECISION.
WE WERE GIVEN ORDERS FROM ABOVE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW THEM.
NO WAY..
I ENTERED SHISEIKAN BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE A PART OF SHISEI FESTIVAL!
Ahhhhh!
TMMP

STOMMP
MINAMOTO.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT...
HE LOOKS MORE UPSET ABOUT THIS THAN ANYBODY.
HE'S GOT A SCARY LOOK ON HIS FACE.
TMMP
H...
TMMP

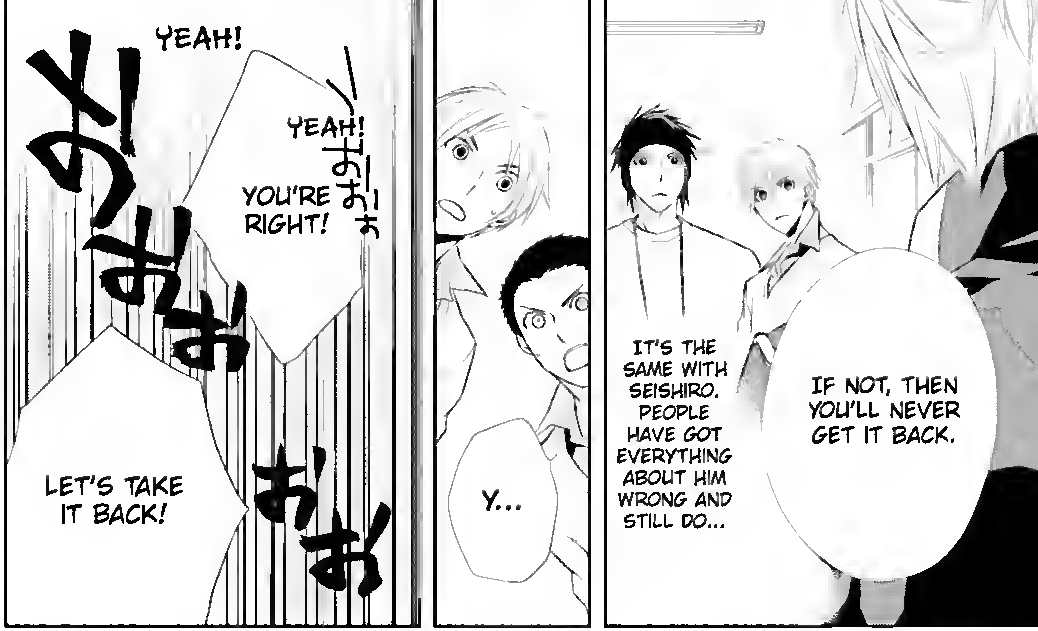
EVERY YEAR THERE'S BEEN A RUMOR THAT THIS YEAR WOULD BE THE LAST.
EVEN SERIZAWA IS HERE.
EVERY FESTIVAL HAS TO BE THE BEST ONE SO FAR.
THAT'S WHY THE STUDENT COUNCIL ALWAYS PUTS A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THE FESTIVAL.
AND A BUNCH OF OTHER UPPER CLASSMEN...
先輩たち
CHIKARA.
!

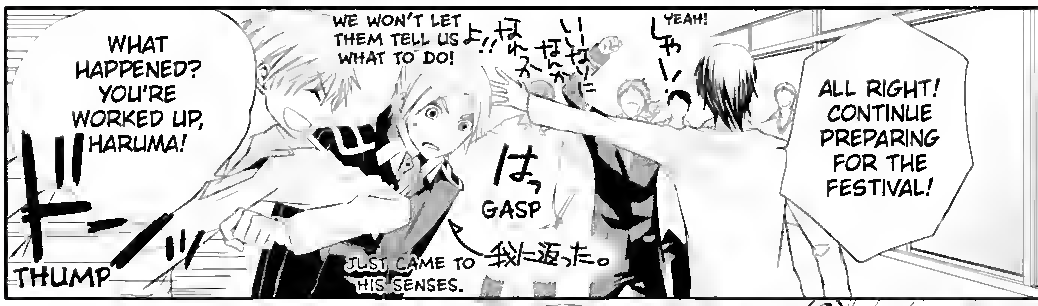
THEY BECAME THE GENERATION THAT ENDED THE SHISEIKAN TRADITION.
BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW...
BECAUSE IF THE FESTIVAL'S A SUCCESS, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PASS IT DOWN TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

IT'S NOTHING BUT MAKING AN EXAMPLE OF SWORD-BEARERS.
THAT'S THE REASON THEY GAVE, BUT IT'S NOTHING BUT A PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT.
"...THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP REQUESTED THAT THE FESTIVAL VOLUNTARILY CLOSE, AND A DECISION WAS MADE TO CANCEL."
"DUE TO THE RECENT POLITICAL CLIMATE FAVORING THE BANNING OF WEARING SWORDS, AND THE POSSIBLE DANGER OF INJURY FROM HAVING REGULAR CITIZENS GET SO CLOSE TO SWORDS AT THIS EVENT...

WE SWORDSMEN ARE BEING DRIVEN EXTINCT WITHOUT ANY SAY IN THE MATTER.
JIN...
THE WHOLE SOCIETY IS MOVING TOWARD BANNING CARRYING SWORDS.
HARUMA...
....
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
NO...
WAY...
HARUMA, THE SHISEI FESTIVAL...
...IS WHERE SWORD-BEARERS CAN SHOW EVERYONE THE HONOR AND RIGHTEOUS SPIRIT OF SWORDSMEN.
IT'S A VERY SPECIAL EVENT.

WHEN YOU GROW UP, I'M SURE YOU WILL TOO.
I WANT TO PROTECT THIS TRADITION...
SO WE'RE JUST GIVING UP?
HARUMA?
IF IT'S IMPORTANT, FIGHT FOR IT.
EVEN IF YOU'RE BEATEN DOWN,
YOU TAKE IT BACK.


IF NOT, THEN YOU'LL NEVER GET IT BACK.
IT'S THE SAME WITH SEISHIRO. PEOPLE HAVE GOT EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM WRONG AND STILL DO...
Y...
YEAH!
YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
LET'S TAKE IT BACK!

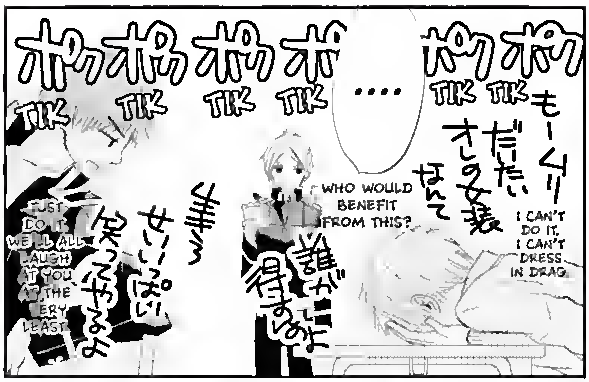

ALL RIGHT! CONTINUE PREPARING FOR THE FESTIVAL!
YEAH!
WE WON'T LET THEM TELL US WHAT TO DO!
GASP
JUST CAME TO HIS SENSES.
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE WORKED UP, HARUMA!
THUMP

LET'S TAKE IT BACK!
THE CULTURE FESTIVAL
AND SEISHIRO'S HONOR!
DIDN'T EXPECT THAT FROM HARUMA KOKONOE.
No kidding.
THIS IS A GUTSY BATCH OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS.

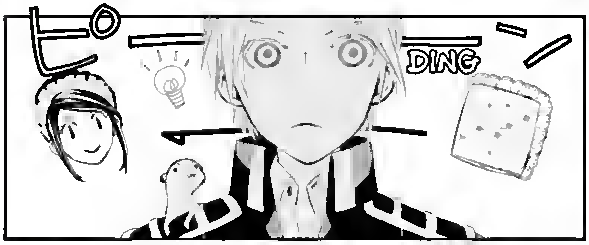
まずは今までの作業の続きを…
FIRST, LET'S GET BACK TO THE PREPARATIONS.
WE'RE NOT ROLLING OVER EITHER!
OH YEAH? SURE 'BOUT THAT?
THIRD-YEAR STUDENT.
3年
SNAPP
カチン
SHADDUP!
WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE, SERIZAWA?
IT'S NOT LIKE THE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS WERE GOING TO QUIT WITHOUT A FIGHT.
ZANNG
シャキーン
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!
EVIL SMILES
悪い笑顔の
HUH?
CLASSMATES
クラスメイト。
WHAT?
I GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
ヤな予感しかしないんだけど…
WE GOT A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR YOU, TAKAHARA.
GRABB
ガシッ

GLUUM
WHY ME?
OOH-LA-LA
GOOD LUCK!
DRESSED IN DRAG
WHY DID I GET PICKED TO REPRESENT THE CLASS IN THE PINK CARNATION GRAND PRIX?!
....
GAH
WE DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS EITHER!
VOLUNTEER GUIDE
IT SAYS HERE, "COSTUMES MUST BE HANDMADE."
That's what it says
HUH?!
WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR MONEY TO MAKE IT!
YOU GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK... I MEAN, THE HONOR...
WHEN WE WERE PICKING JOBS, YOU WEREN'T AROUND.
I GUESS SO! I GUESS IT'S MY FAULT!
FINE. I'LL DO IT!
GAH!
IBUKI WILL BE SACRIFICED FOR THE GREATER GOOD
MY CONDOLENCES, IBUKI

YNNK


TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK
....
WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS?
I CAN'T DO IT. I CAN'T DRESS IN DRAG.
I JUST DON'T WEAR ALL LAUGH AT YOU AT THE VERY LEAST

SSLIIIDE
POCKET


DING

TAPP
IBUKI.

WANT TO...
...COME TO MY HOME?

...KASUGA
I'M HOME...
KOKONOE
What a huge place.
WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE TOO?
I don't know why either.
HUH? BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE FUN.
NEVER MIND THE OTHERS, WHY ARE YOU HERE, SENSYU?!
I WAS INTERESTED IN SEEING HARUMA KOKONOE'S HOME.
PLEASE COME IN.
I KNEW THESE SLIPPERS FOR FRIENDS WOULD COME IN HANDY SOMEDAY!
I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP.
WOOZEE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE OTHER THAN IBUKI HAS COME!
HARUMA BROUGHT SO MANY FRIENDS!
DON'T WORRY. KASUGA IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
Thanks for having us over

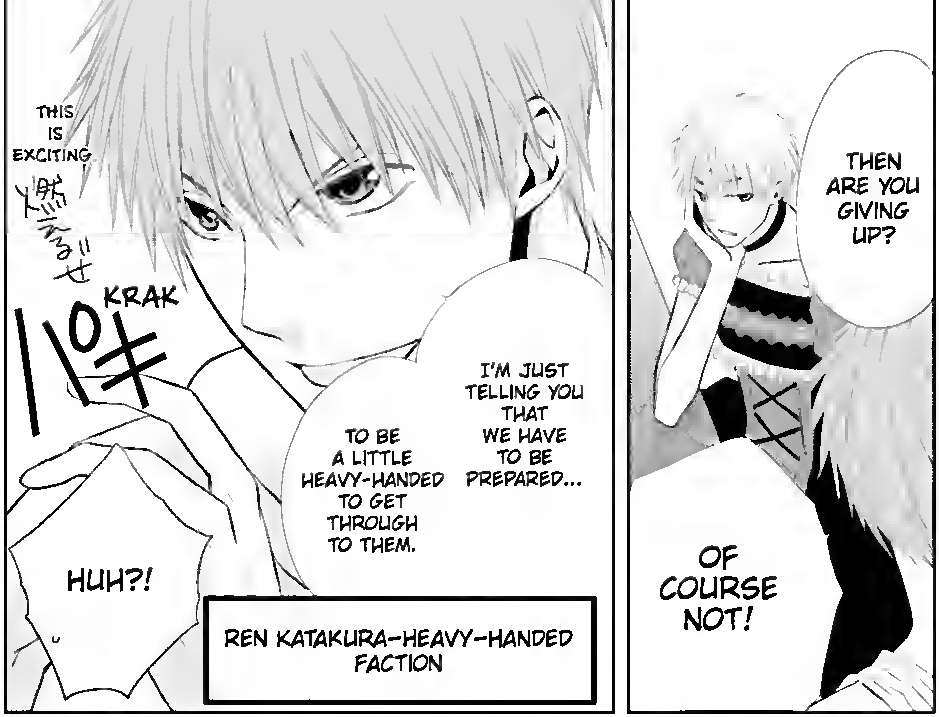
HIS HOME IS HUGE.
IRUKI, YOU REALLY ARE USED TO THIS
LOOK AT THIS PINK SLIPPER...
BUT IT'S REALLY COMFORTABLE.
BUMP
OH.
EXCUSE ME...
PEEK
OH, ARE YOU HARUMA'S DAD? HEL...
...LO.
HUH?
....
FWIPP

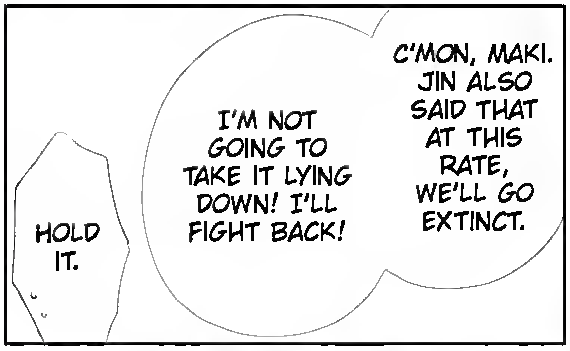
HUH?!
H...
HEY!
IT'S NOTHING.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOTHING.
SWORD-BEARERS...
HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
...FIGHTING ON HIS OWN.
THE KOKONOE FAMILY IS PART OF THE SWORD-BEARING CLASS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO INFLUENTIAL SUPPORTERS OF BANNING SWORDS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN NOTHING?
なんでもっ
おまえ...
....
HARUMA'S SOLITUDE IS UNDER-STANDABLE.

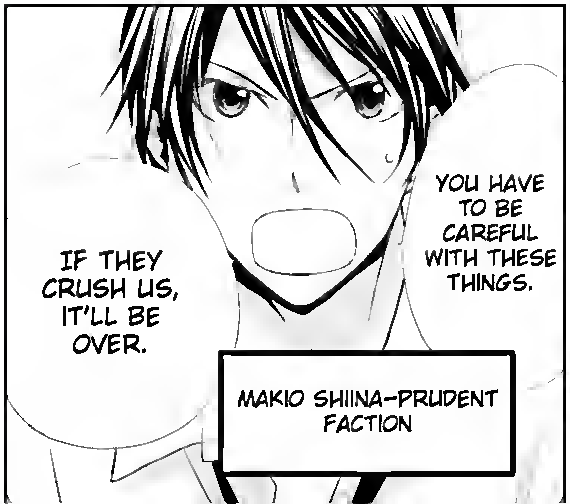
PICK THE ONE YOU LIKE!
NOW THEN!
FLUMP
WHAT IS GOING ON?
BEFORE I MAKE ONE, I NEED TO KNOW WHICH TYPE YOU WOULD LIKE.
THESE ARE ALL HANDMADE OUTFIT SAMPLES,
THAT I, KASUGA, DID MY VERY BEST TO MAKE.
EEAUUUGH
OH, NO THANK YOU. I JUST THOUGHT I'D WEAR IT ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I WILL BE PRODUCING AN OUTFIT FOR YOU, SO YOU WILL GET NOTHING LESS THAN THE BEST!
KLUNNK
WHAT'S WITH THIS FARCE?
....
HUH?!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT ON, IBUKI?
HEH HEH HEH
FWOSSH
IF SOMETHING'S WORTH DOING, IT'S WORTH DOING RIGHT! LET'S BE THE BEST.
KASUGA IS A FORMER STREET GANG MEMBER WHO LOVES LACE AND THE COLOR PINK!

BWA HA HA HA HA
HEEE
SNIKKER
....
OH, MY.
NOT BAD.
WHAT'S WITH THAT MAID?
EVEN SENSYU?
....
Y-YOU LOOK GREAT.
SHUT UP!
DEFT!
GLIMMER
KASUGA! THEY WANT TO WEAR SOMETHING TOO!
?!
IS THE STRONGEST?
DOES THIS MEAN KASUGA
THIS IS SO MUCH FUN.
DEFT! HA HA HA HA HA!

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE A DAY I CAN SERVE HARUMA'S FRIENDS.
I'M HAVING A LOVELY TIME.
MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.
OKAY!
IN ALL SERIOUSNESS.
THIS IS HARD.
WHAT IS?
THIS FESTIVAL PREPA-RATION!
YOU SAW HARUMA'S DAD.
THESE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BAN SWORDS SEE US SWORD-BEARERS AS TRASH!
OW!
KRUNCH
KRAK
YOU REALLY ARE INSENSITIVE!


THIS IS EXCITING
KRAK
HUH?!
TO BE A LITTLE HEAVY-HANDED TO GET THROUGH TO THEM.
I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED...
REN KATAKURA-HEAVY-HANDED FACTION
THEN ARE YOU GIVING UP?
OF COURSE NOT!


HOLD IT.
I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT LYING DOWN! I'LL FIGHT BACK!
C'MON, MAKI. JIN ALSO SAID THAT AT THIS RATE, WE'LL GO EXTINCT.


IF THEY CRUSH US, IT'LL BE OVER.
YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH THESE THINGS.
MAKIO SHIINA-PRUDENT FACTION

WHAT?
?
NO, I JUST DIDN'T KNOW YOU THOUGHT THAT WAY.

GRR
TRYING TO FORCE YOUR WAY THROUGH WILL JUST MAKE THEM SHUT DOWN THE FESTIVAL PERMANENTLY!
IN THIS DAY AND AGE, YOU THINK THEY WOULD LISTEN TO US?
WE HAVE TO GATHER SIGNATURES FOR A PETITION TO STAND UP TO THOSE WHO WOULD BAN SWORDS. THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT.
IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING AFRAID.
HUH?! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?!
NO! WE HAVE TO PROCEED CAREFULLY!
IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO ATTACK!
I WON'T LET THEM! WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS SO IT WON'T BE THE LAST!
SNAPP
WHAT?!
WE SHOULD MAKE THE FESTIVAL TAKE A DIFFERENT FROM AND...
REVOLTING AGAINST A DONE DECISION GOES AGAINST THE SAMURAI CODE. THIS IS A RULE THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IN THE WORLD OF THE SWORD.
WHAT?!
WHAT?!
NO, THANK YOU.
KANEDA, GO STOP THEM.
HEY, KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO.
HAJIME KANEDA-SPINELESS SAMURAI FACTION

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
NOT A VERY UNIFIED GROUP.
SO UGLY...
CAN'T YOU SEE? DID YOUR GLASSES CLOUD UP?!
TOOK OFF THE CUFF
....
WHAT IS THIS?!
WE HAVE NO TEAMWORK HERE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL BE SUCCESSFUL!
....
PHEW

SLAMM
FFFFSH
....
!
?
KLUNK
SIR!
WHAT'S THAT?
!
THE DOJO NEXT DOOR IS UNDER ATTACK!
BAMM
GET OUT HERE, HARUMA KOKONOE!
WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
BAMM
BAMM
BAMM

IF THEY ARE LOOKING FOR YOU THERE, THEN THEY MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.
THAT WAS THE HOME AND DOJO OF SEISHIRO SHINDO.
WHY ARE THEY LOOKING FOR HARUMA THERE?
WHAT'S THAT?
HEY!
TMMP
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
HARUMA KOKONOE.

TMMP TMMP TMMP
WHAT THE...?! WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP?!
?!
HE'S HARUMA KOKO...
!
THERE! THE WHITE-HAIRED ONE!
KRAKK
W...
WHATEVER!
CATCH HIM!
BWAA
RIPP
HE...
HEY!
THE HEM!
TRIIP
?
FWSSH
DAMMIT!
HE'S STRONG!

HUH?
?!
SMAKK
RAAGH
NOW!
GET HIM!
HOLD HIM DOWN!
PUFF
HUFF
PUFF
W...
WE DID IT! NOW YOSHICHIKA WILL BE THRILLED!
NOW I'VE DONE IT...
!
ODANI... YOSHICHIKA?!
HEH HEH...
WE'RE GOING TO SEND YOU OFF TO OUR BOSS...
THIS IS REALLY GOING TO HELP YOSHICHIKA OUT!
YEAH!

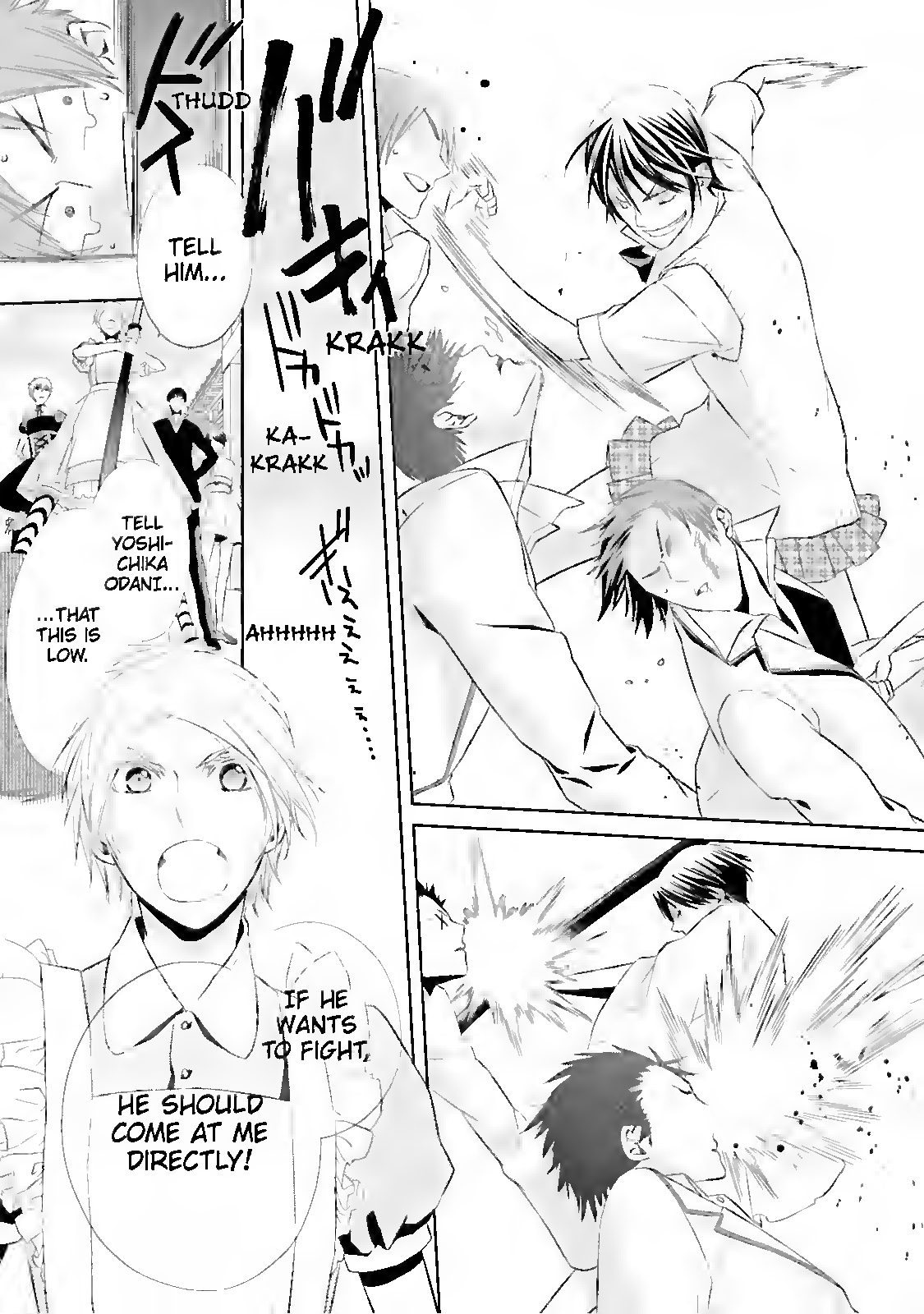
WHAT? YOU A FRIEND OF HIS?!
あ、こいつの仲間か?!
NEVER MIND ME.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YUKARI...
...IN THE DOJO.
COME AND GET IT!
GLARE
BRING IT ON!
IBUKI!
LIIRCH
HMPH... FROM THE WAY THEY TALK AND DRESS, I HAD A HUNCH...
THEY ARE YOSHICHIKA ODANI'S GOONS, AFTER ALL.
THOSE BASTARDS...!
Y...
YEAH.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M FINE.
THESE GUYS...
...ARE SCRUBS.
WHAT...?!
KRAKK
SHUT UP!
THOSE BASTARDS!
KANEDA! YOU COME WITH ME!
!
HUH?!
REN, MAKI! STAY WITH KOKONOE!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
FINE...
....
I HAVE TO GO TO THE DOJO!
WITH HIM?!
LET'S DO THIS.
NOW THEN...
SCATTER!

AHHH
KRACK
EAT THIS!
!
SMAKK
!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
!
POW
YOU TOO.

THUDD
TELL HIM...
KRAKK
KA-KRAKK
TELL YOSHI-CHIKA ODANI...
...THAT THIS IS LOW.
AHHHHH
IF HE WANTS TO FIGHT,
HE SHOULD COME AT ME DIRECTLY!
HEH.
REN.
YEAH.
HEE
KWAAA
LET'S GO.

HEH.
REN.
YEAH.
HEE
KWAAA
LET'S GO.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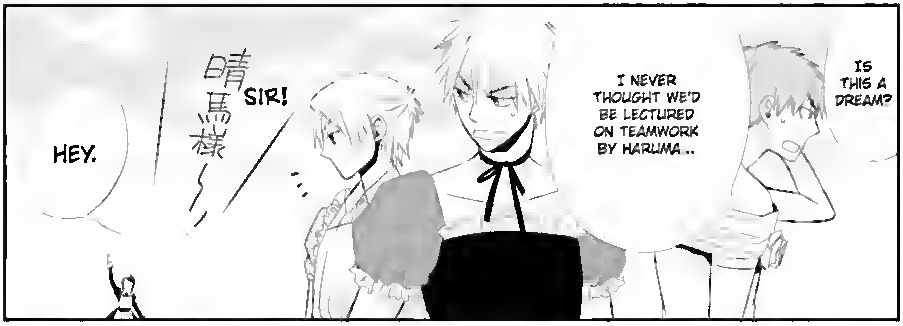
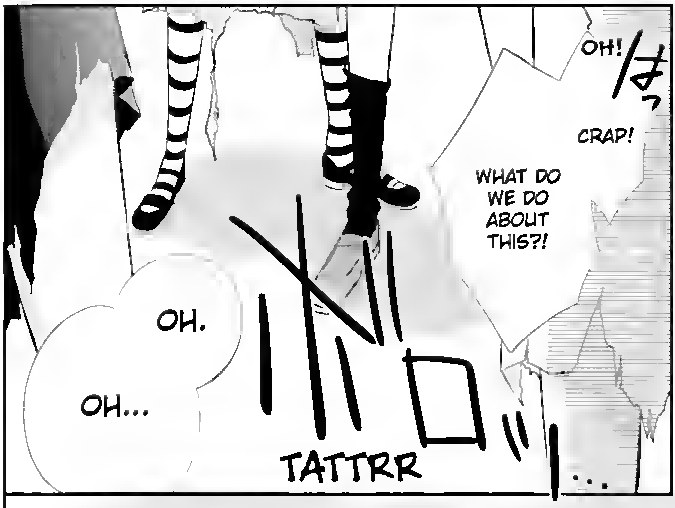
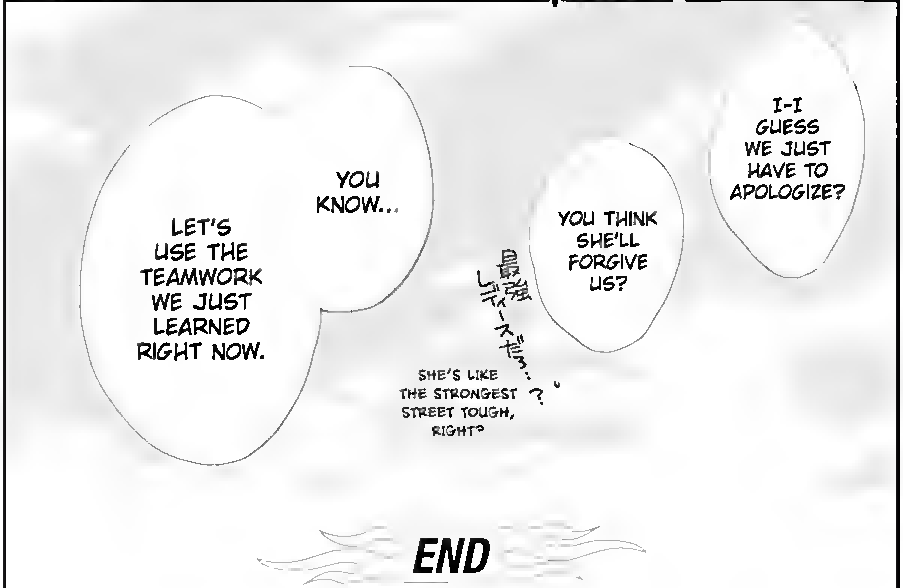
DAMN YOU!
WE'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
YOU DID IT!
REN.
MAKIO.
THANK YOU.
HARUMA!
FSSSHH.
ONLY FOUGHT THE ONES WHO WENT AFTER HIM.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I...
NO PROBLEM.
AND...
WAACK
?!
SMAKK

UGH
WHEN WE FOUGHT JUST NOW.
WHAT?
WHY?
YOU WERE UNITED.
SO WHY...
...WERE YOU ARGUING LIKE THAT?
WE'RE ALLIES. WE WANT TO PROTECT THE SAME THING!
OUCH...
UNINTERESTED.
DODGED THE ATTACK
IS EVERYONE OKAY?
UH OH... HARUMA!
IBUKI, TRANSLATE.
UHH, "TEAMWORK IS IMPORTANT"?
OH, SO THAT'S RIGHT.
HARUMA IS RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
BUT, WE HAVE TO JOIN TOGETHER AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN. RIGHT?

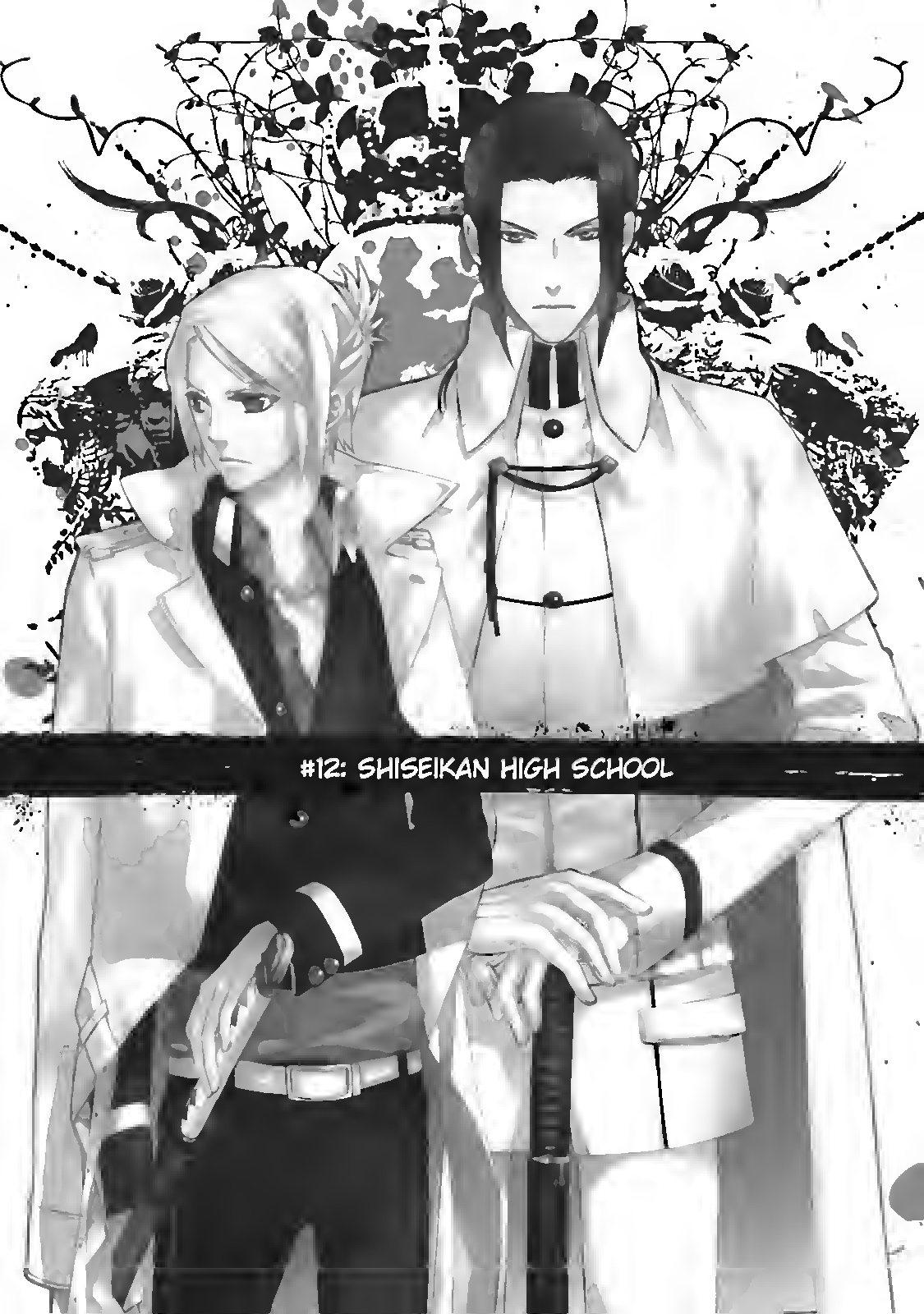

HEY.
晴馬様
SIR!
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE LECTURED ON TEAMWORK BY HARUMA..
IS THIS A DREAM?


OH!
CRAP!
WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS?!
OH.
OH...
TATTRR

IT'S KASUGA.


I-I GUESS WE JUST HAVE TO APOLOGIZE?
YOU THINK SHE'LL FORGIVE US?
最強レディースだっ？
SHE'S LIKE THE STRONGEST STREET TOUGH, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW...
LET'S USE THE TEAMWORK WE JUST LEARNED RIGHT NOW.

END


#12: SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

SAMURAI DRIVE CHARACTER PROFILE - PART 12

THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, HE LOVES THE SCHOOL MORE THAN ANYONE.

THE WHITE CAPE ON TOP OF HIS UNIFORM ISN'T MEANT TO BE A COSTUME. SHISEIKAN ALSO HAS A DRESS UNIFORM WHERE THE MAIN COLOR IS WHITE. (YOU CAN SEE IT AT THE FRONT PIECE OF VOL. 1 OR JIN AND HIDEHITO WITH IT ON THE COVER OF VOL. 3.) THE CAPE AND THE DESIGN ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THIS IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL VERSION.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MINAMOTO

AGE: 18 THIRD-YEAR STUDENT HEIGHT: 182CM CHARISMATIC LEADER

EEK
I'M SORRY! WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP, YOSHICHIKA!
HOW WOULD GANGING UP ON SOMEONE HELP ME?
YOU IDIOTS!
KRAKK
FLAP
PATHETIC!

WAAAAAAAH
SORRY!
Q. あんっ
※コミックス2巻
*PLEASE REFER TO VOL. 2 OF THE COMIC
QUESTION: WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED TO SHIROU?
SAMURAI DRIVE
Q&A 3

DAMMIT.
I'M GOING.
HUH?
TO WHERE?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
TO GO SEE WHITE-HAIR!
CLASS 1-1
PSST
LOOKS LIKE THE PREP FOR THE FESTIVAL IS GOING WELL.
PSST
PSST
RMMBLE
YEAH!
SOME STUFF IS ALREADY DONE! COME HAVE A LOOK!
THEY CAN'T EXPECT US TO JUST ROLL OVER AND DO AS WE'RE TOLD!

CRASH
BAM
PFFT
WHA...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, BALDIE!
WHAT?
NOOOOO!
VICE PRINCIPAL!
KLUNK
...WASTING ALL OF OUR TIME.
HMPH! SO YOU'RE THE ONES...
TWINNG
ARE YOU FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TOO STUPID TO READ THE NOTICE?
THE SHISEI FESTIVAL IS CANCELED.

YOU'RE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS, AREN'T YOU? WHY AREN'T YOU PREPARING FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL?
HUH? I THOUGHT THAT'S CANCELED.
HEY, YOU TWO.
SHUT UP! WE DON'T CARE!
HMPH. FACE REALITY.
....
I WON'T GO AGAINST ORDERS FROM ON HIGH.
HE
HA HA
I'M NOT GONNA GO AGAINST THAT.
HEH
YOU'RE NOTHING IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS. YOUR EFFORTS WILL NOT CHANGE THE FUTURE.
DO YOU SEE THE TRUTH NOW?
HA HA HA
ARE ONLY A FEW OF US ARE GETTING EXCITED OVER THIS?
NO WAY.

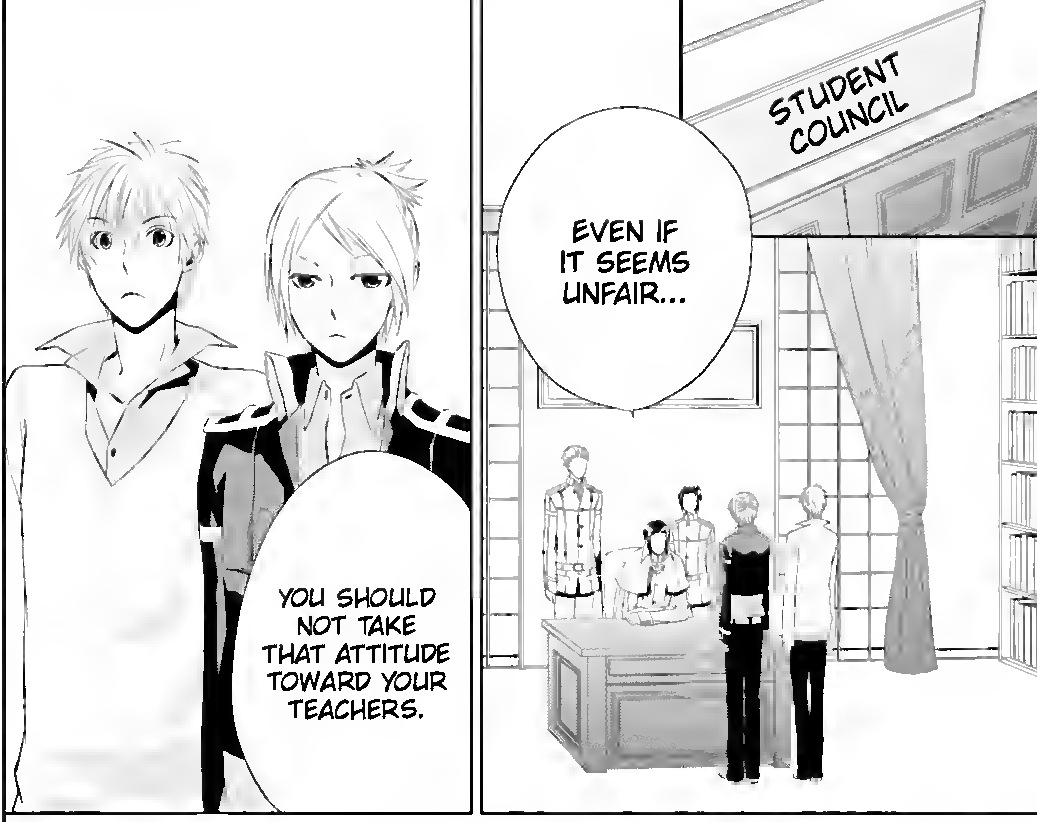
GWA
HA HA HA
REMEMBER THAT!
IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE DOWN THIS PATH, I WILL CRUSH YOU!
YOUR DISRESPECT IS TRULY TROUBLING.
TRIP
....
HA HA HA
THUMMP

HA HA
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
YOU INSOLENT BRAT!
HARUMA KOKONOE!
Y...
ARGGH!
TMMP
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US!
STOP THIS!

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL THEM, HOW DARE YOU CALL YOURSELF THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THE UNDERCLASSMEN HAVE NO MANNERS!
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT...
MINAMOTO.
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR LACK OF LEADERSHIP THAT YOUR PRECIOUS SHISEI FESTIVAL HAD TO BE CANCELED.
AM I WRONG?
....
RAIOH.
YES.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

はははHAHAHA
HAHAは
YES.
WHAT WAS THAT?
THE VICE PRINCIPAL WAS HORRIBLE.
BUT EVEN THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS POWERLESS?
THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DOESN'T WANT TO FIX THIS!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
ROKUSHO.

DRIPP
HTTCH
ROKUSHO.
UGH...
WAH-HHH!
DSSH
THE PRESIDENT'S ..
THE PRESIDENT'S TRUE INTENTION IS .
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MINAMOTO...
...WANTS TO HAVE THE SHISEI FESTIVAL MORE THAN ANYONE!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
RIPP
OH, HOLD ON.
HARUMA.
WHO CARES?! ANYWAY, LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!
Y-YEAH...
HERE.
召喚状。
SUMMONS
YOU'VE BEEN FORMALLY WARNED.


STUDENT COUNCIL
EVEN IF IT SEEMS UNFAIR...
YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THAT ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR TEACHERS.

SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
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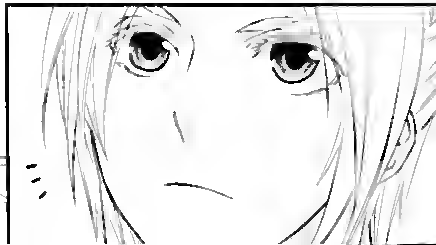
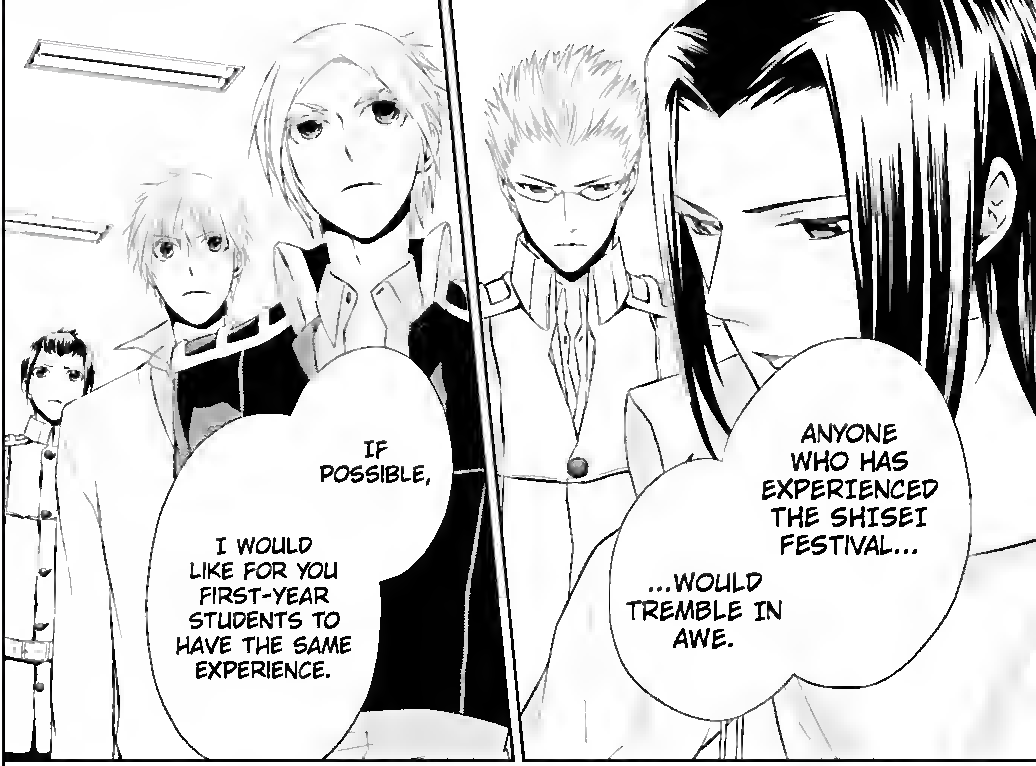
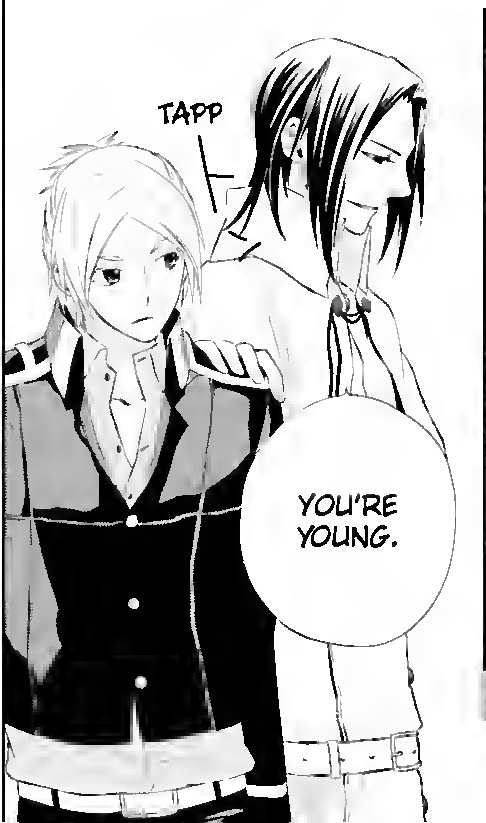
SHISEIKAN
VICTORY
TOKYO METROPOLITAN SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, SHISEI FESTIVAL

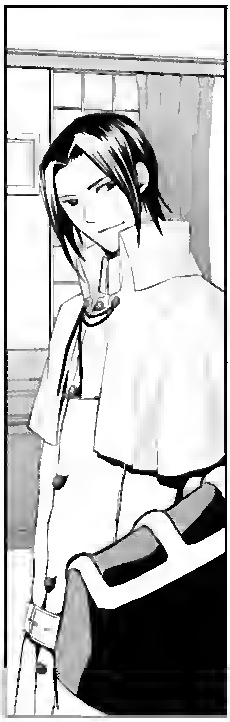
BY THE WAY...
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M HIS INTERPRETER!
INTERPRETER?
HE SAYS HE'S VERY SORRY!
HE'S NOT.
ZHAA



HE IS AN ALUM.
PEOPLE SPEAK POORLY ABOUT HIM.
BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE DEVOTED THEIR LIFE TO THIS SCHOOL OR THE SWORD AS MUCH AS HE DID.
OH.
IT'S SEISHIRO!
!
THOSE ARE PICTURES OF PAST SHISEI FESTIVALS.
I SEE.
I KNOW.
SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
至誠館
SHISEIKAN
VICTORY
TOKYO METROPOLITAN SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL SHISEI FESTIVAL
IT IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SHISEI FESTIVAL— A SYMBOL OF THE PRIDE OF ALL SWORDSMEN HERE.
THAT VICTORY FLAG IS A SYMBOL OF HONOR GIVEN TO THE WINNER OF THE SWORD DANCE.

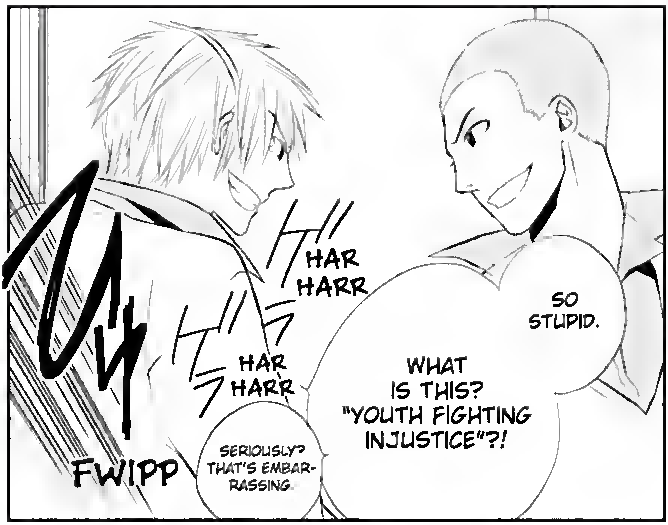

IF POSSIBLE,
I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TO HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE.
ANYONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THE SHISEI FESTIVAL...
...WOULD TREMBLE IN AWE.


TAPP
YOU'RE YOUNG.



IF IT'S THAT IMPOR-TANT.
THEN...
WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT FOR IT?

WHAT I WANT TO PROTECT...
...IS NOT SOMETHING I CAN PROTECT ON MY OWN.
PSST
PSST
PSST
THAT BALDIE!
WHAT... THE...?
I'LL CUT HIM!
EMERGENCY NOTICE
DURING THIS SCHOOL TERM, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE ADHERED TO:
-SCHOOL EQUIPMENT MAY NOT BE BORROWED
-BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS ARE HALTED AND/OR CONFISCATED
-NO PART OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS MAY BE USED FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
BREAKING ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE PUNISHED WITH SUSPENSION.
SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
VICE PRINCIPAL YOSHIUEMON OKUBO


FWIPP
SERIOUSLY? THAT'S EMBARRASSING.
HAR HARR
HAR HARR
WHAT IS THIS? "YOUTH FIGHTING INJUSTICE"?!
SO STUPID.

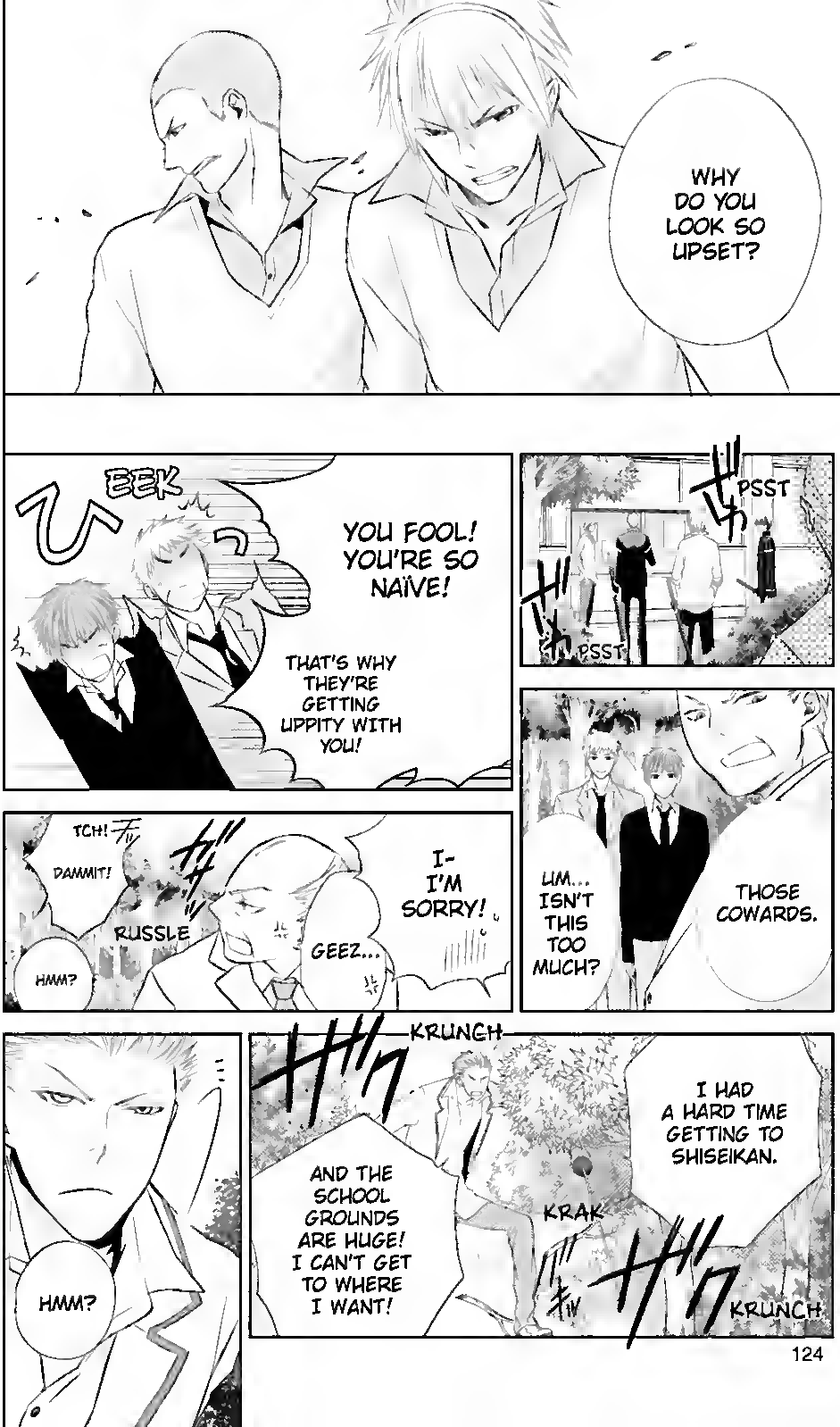
AWW.
THEY'RE DESPERATE.

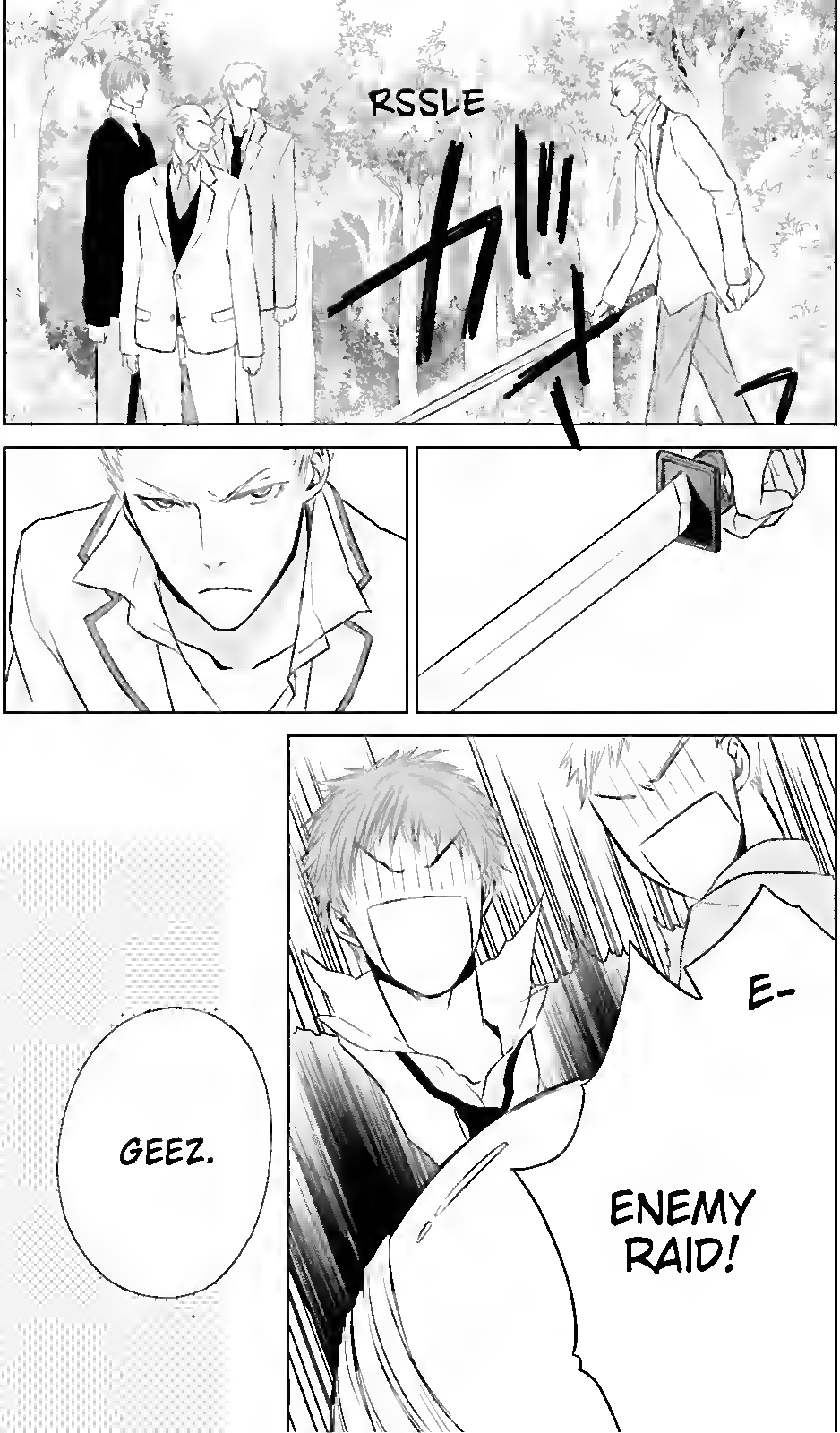
J-JIN SAITO!
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
MY HAND SLIPPED.

OUT OF ANGER.

KLANK

WRSSLE
I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T FIGHT YOURSELF.
BUT DON'T LAUGH AT THE ONES WHO ARE FIGHTING!
!
B-BUT...
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
WE CAN'T STOP THE FUTURE! THE BAN ON CARRYING SWORDS IS COMING EVENTUALLY!
IT JUST HAPPENED DURING OUR GENERATION! WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE WITH IT!
THEN WHY...?


WHY DO YOU LOOK SO UPSET?
EEK
YOU FOOL! YOU'RE SO NAÏVE!
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE GETTING UPPITY WITH YOU!
PSST
PSST
TCH!
DAMMIT!
RUSSLE
HMM?
GEEZ...
I- I'M SORRY!
UM... ISN'T THIS TOO MUCH?
THOSE COWARDS.
HMM?
KRUNCH
AND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE HUGE! I CAN'T GET TO WHERE I WANT!
KRAK
I HAD A HARD TIME GETTING TO SHISEIKAN.
KRUNCH


RSSLE
E-
ENEMY RAID!
GEEZ.

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みつからねぇ
I STILL CAN'T FIND HIM.
THAT FIRST-YEAR TROUBLEMAKER ...
I'M ONLY HERE TO SEE HARUMA KOKONOE.
ORDERED OTHERS TO LEAVE
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD INVOLVE THE POLICE!
BECAUSE OF SHISEIKAN HAVING THE SPECIAL STATUS OF BEING A SWORDSMAN SCHOOL MANY FOOLS COME TO DUEL.
HUH?
LIKE I CARE.
HMPH.
I HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR YOU.
....
...THAT ILL-MANNERED LITTLE LOUT?
WHY DON'T YOU HELP ME PUNISH...
HEY!
LOOK AT THAT!
HMM?
YEAH.
YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE, HUH?
WELCOME BACK

AND...
WHO'S THE OTHER ONE?
!
YAAAA
ISN'T THAT THE SHISEI FLAG?
YOSHICHIKA ODANI?!
THE VICE PRINCIPAL!
KUMPH
THAT BALDIE!
TMMP
!
KLIK
WAIT...
HEY, STOP!
NO WAY...
KLIK
STOP ...
FWOOSH
!

おい!
STOOOOOP!
おおお

IF IT'S OUR DESTINY TO GO EXTINCT...
I WAS READY TO ACCEPT IT.
AS LONG AS WE HAD OUR HONOR.
BUT...
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE EVEN THAT AWAY FROM US...
...WE WILL SHOW YOU NO MERCY!

!
....
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
HARUMA KOKONOE!
KLIK
FWOOSH
!

RAAAGH
TMMP
TMMP
FUUHH

SKREEE
SILENCE!
I THOUGHT YOU DID NOT CARE IF THE SHISEI FESTIVAL WAS CANCELED.
WHY DOES IT ANGER YOU WHEN YOUR PRIDE IS HURT?
WE DIDN'T WANT IT TO!
BUT ACTUALLY ...
WE KNEW IT WOULD GO AWAY SOMEDAY.
OF COURSE NOT!
OR IF IT WERE TO BE GONE FOREVER.

THEN ARE YOU READY?
WE...
...HAVE BEEN READY...
!
...SINCE...
...TWO YEARS AGO.

I...
WON'T LET...
...ANYONE TAKE ANYTHING FROM ME!
!
HARUMA...
....
DAMMIT!
HEH
THEN I WILL ASK YOU...
...ONCE MORE!

DO YOU HAVE...
...THE RESOLVE AND STRENGTH TO DEFEND SHISEIKAN...
...NO MATTER WHAT?!
YES!
WILL YOU PROTECT IT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS?!
YES!

FROM THIS MOMENT...
AND FIGHT.
SHISEIKAN WILL RISE UP AS ONE!

VICE PRINCIPAL...
KLAKK
KLAKK
KLAKK
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY!
WE WILL HOLD THE SHISEI FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!
THANK-
HMPH! TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
NOW I CAN FULLY FEIGN IGNORANCE.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY!
WE WILL HOLD THE SHISEI FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!

VICE PRINCIPAL ...
KLAKK
KLAKK
KLAKK
THANK-
HMPH! TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
NOW I CAN FULLY FEIGN IGNORANCE.

THAT TEACHER...
...IS AN ALUM OF SHISEIKAN, I HEAR.
YOSHICHIKA!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE WHITE-HAIR OVER THERE.
I ONLY HELPED THE BALDIE ON A WHIM.
I AM FED UP WITH THE COWARDS OF SHISEIKAN.
I HAD TO INCITE THEM, BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY.
IF THEY CAN'T DEFEND WHAT THEY HOLD MOST DEAR...

HUH?
ARE YOU HERE FOR-
AND? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HARUMA?
I HEARD MY GUYS GAVE YOU TROUBLE.
I'M HERE TODAY TO APOLOGIZE.
I'M SORRY!
SHUT UP!
HEY, CHIKA! YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY HOME BY YOURSELF?!
JIN, IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, STAY AWAY FROM ME!
ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ENEMY?
SERIOUSLY?
Seriously, that's it?
PSST
AGAPE
....
HUH?
THAT'S IT?
I'M GOING.
KRUNCH
HUH?!

....
SERIOUSLY?!
HMPH. THAT'S A REPLICA.
THE OLD MAN PREPARED ONE.
THAT'S UNFORGIVEABLE.
BUT THAT GUY BURNED THE FLAG.
HEY!
HARUMA KOKONOE.
IS THIS WHAT SHOULD BE DOING?
SENSYU.
NOT BAD...
THEY FIGHT EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE HEADING TO THE END.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO FIND THE ONE WHO KILLED SEISHIRO SHINDO AND REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM.
THAT'S THE GOAL OF THE "WHITE DAEMON," HARUMA KOKONOE, AND THE PATH THAT BRINGS OUT THE MOST PASSIONATE FLAME IN YOU. AM I NOT RIGHT?

SEISHIRO CARED ABOUT IT.
....
I WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR... SEISHIRO'S WILL.
SO I DO TOO.
I WILL MAKE THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL... A SUCCESS.
PSST
...TO REVEAL THE TRUTH.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE KEY...
!
SO YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT YOSHICHIKA KNOWS ABOUT SEISHIRO SHINDO, THEN?

THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY IS NOBUCHIKA ODANI.
HE HAD HIS RIGHT TO BEAR SWORDS REVOKED.
AND IS NOW IN PRISON.
HE IS YOSHICHIKA ODANI'S OLDER BROTHER.
END

TOKYO DETENTION CENTER
#13: THE ODANI BROTHERS
DA-DAA
THUMPP
WHAT?

#13: THE ODANI BROTHERS

EVERY SINGLE DAY, AT THIS TIME...
YOSHICHIKA ODANI COMES HERE TO SEE HIS BROTHER.
YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS.
FRWWN
AND YOU STILL SET IT UP?
GRINN
THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY IS NOBUCHIKA ODANI.
HE IS YOSHICHIKA ODANI'S OLDER BROTHER
AND IS CURRENTLY IN JAIL.

SIGH...
HE TRICKED ME.
KLAKK
!
STOP.
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
I WON'T LET ANYONE CONNECTED TO SEISHIRO TO SEE MY BROTHER.
I'M FINALLY CLOSE TO GETTING A CLUE ABOUT THE TRUTH BEHIND SEISHIRO.
I WON'T LET GO OF IT
OUT OF MY WAY.
YOU TREAT OTHER PEOPLE AS TOYS! I'M GOING HOME!
BUT...
IBUKI...
...WOULD HAVE GOTTEN MAD.
I CAN'T GO BACK.
FWSSH
I'M GOING.
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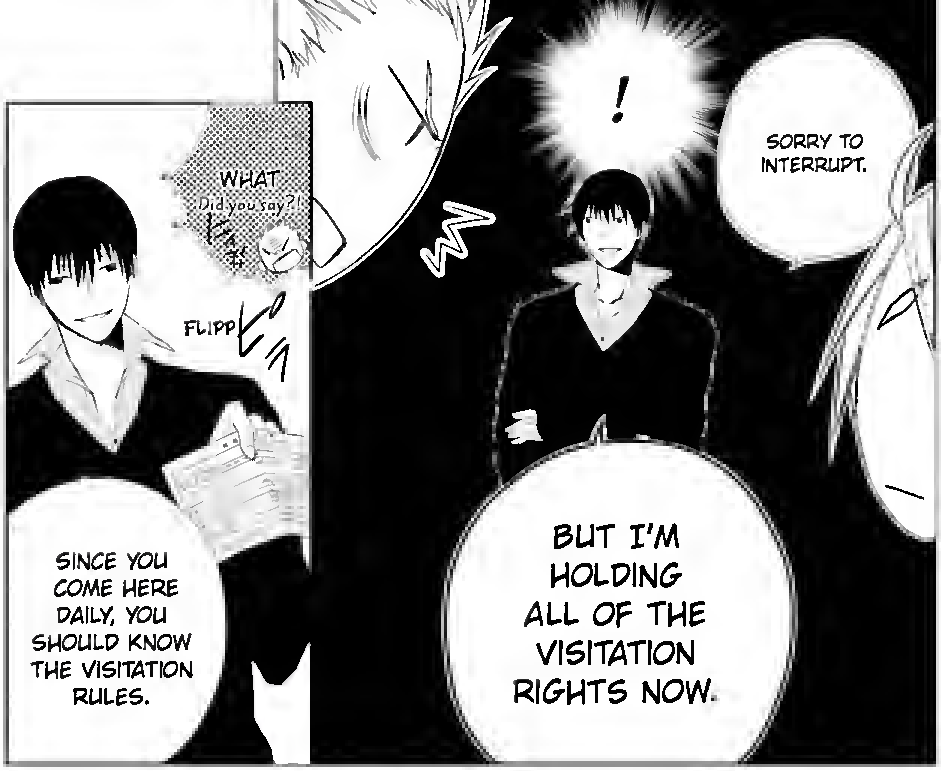
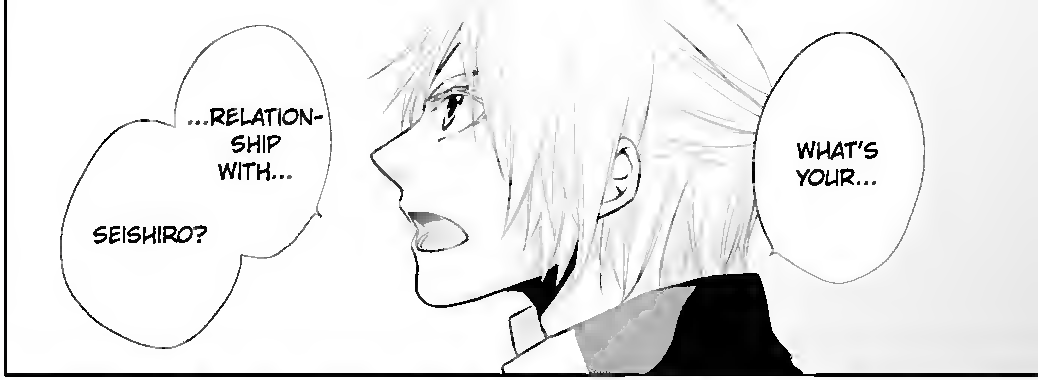

!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
BUT I'M HOLDING ALL OF THE VISITATION RIGHTS NOW.
WHAT
Did you say?!
FLIPP
SINCE YOU COME HERE DAILY, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE VISITATION RULES.

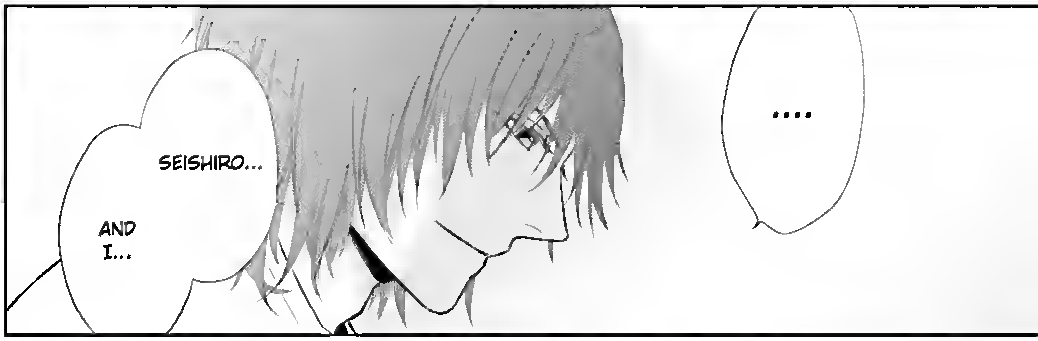
EVEN IF YOU REFUSE, THEN THE TWO OF US WILL GO ALONE TO VISIT NOBUCHIKA ODANI.
WHICH MEANS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, ALL THREE OF US HAVE TO GO TOGETHER OR WE CANNOT VISIT.
EACH INCARCERATED PERSON CAN BE VISITED ONLY ONCE A DAY AND BY UP TO THREE PEOPLE, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

GLARE
GRINN
DOES NOT LIKE TACTICIANS
....
LET'S GO!
DAMMIT ALL!
GRRR
UGH
NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

KREEK
VISITING ROOM
面会室
COME IN.
NOBUCHIKA ODANI.
THE KEY TO THE TRUTH...
...ABOUT SEISHIRO.
WHAT KIND...
...OF PERSON IS HE?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
HARUMA...
?!

EXCUSE ME. SEEING YOU BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM YOSHICHIKA.
BUT I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD COME A DAY WE WOULD ACTUALLY MEET AGAIN.
YOU WERE SO TINY AND INSEPARABLE FROM SEISHIRO. NOW THAT LITTLE BOY...
WHY IS HE TALKING...
HOW DID YOU...
KNOW THAT?
...AS IF HE ALREADY KNOWS ME.
...HAS GROWN SO BIG.
...?


WHAT'S YOUR...
...RELATIONSHIP WITH...
SEISHIRO?


....
SEISHIRO...
AND I...

...ARE COMRADES AND BEST FRIENDS.

COMRADE...?
BEST FRIEND?
EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH, I STILL THINK THE SAME.
AND I ALWAYS WILL.
BEST...
FRIEND?
SLAMM
WAKE THE HELL UP!
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEE THIS FOR WHAT IT IS?
HE'S...!

HE LEFT YOU FOR DEAD AND KILLED EVERYONE!
AND HE GOT YOU THROWN IN JAIL BY FRAMING YOU!!
YUKINARI ...
GASP
ODANI? OH...THE MAN WHO TOOK THE FALL FOR SEISHIRO.
SAID THAT...

YOSHICHIKA...
I'VE TOLD YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT YOU'RE WRONG
THEN WHY ARE YOU IN JAIL?!
KRRUNK
IS THIS WHAT HE MEANT?
....
HE SAID THAT SEISHIRO FRAMED HIM?
GLARE

FOR CRIMES I COMMITTED. THAT'S THE TRUTH.

WHY WOULD YOU KILL INNOCENT STRANGERS FOR NO REASON?!
SLAMM
STOP LYING!
WHY WON'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?!
TELL ME WHY!
WHY WOULD YOU ACCEPT THE HUMILIATION OF HAVING YOUR RIGHT TO BEAR SWORDS REVOKED, AND YOUR HONOR AND POSITION STRIPPED FROM YOU?!
YOU CARED FOR THE WORLD OF THE SWORD MORE THAN ANYONE!

YOU'RE...
...ON DEATHROW!
YOU'LL BE EXECUTED!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?!
SAY SOMETHING! PLEASE!

YOSHICHIKA.
LISTEN TO ME.
I'VE BEEN READY TO DIE FOR SOME TIME.
SINCE THE DAY I COMMITTED THAT CRIME... NO, SINCE THE DAY THAT I RESOLVED TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD, I'VE BEEN READY.
I'M NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD. DON'T THINK ABOUT ME— THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE.
YOSHICHIKA ODANI IS...
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF.

...JUST LIKE ME.
I CANNOT PROTECT YOU ANYMORE.
HE IS SEEKING THE TRUTH.
....
THAT'S WHY HE'S ALWAYS...
...SO DESPERATE.

TAKE CARE OF ITSUKI.
PROTECT HER WITH YOUR LIFE.
I WILL.
ITSUKI...
AND YOU TOO.

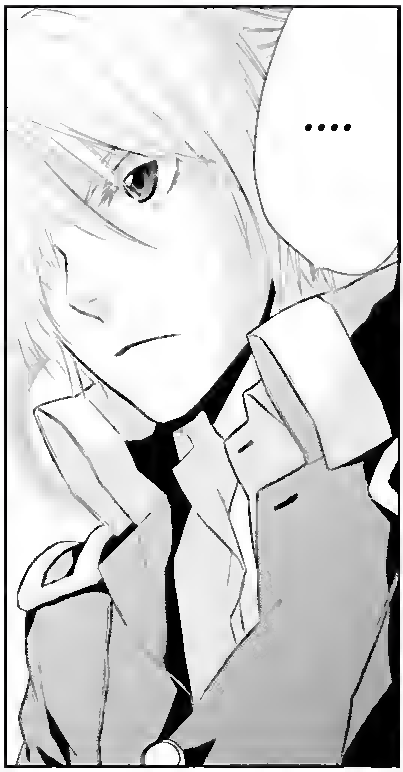
I'M SURE HIS SILENCE IS OUT OF KINDNESS.

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING THERE.

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT IS.

SEISHIRO'S TRUE SELF...

IT'S EXACTLY AS HOW YOU SAW HIM.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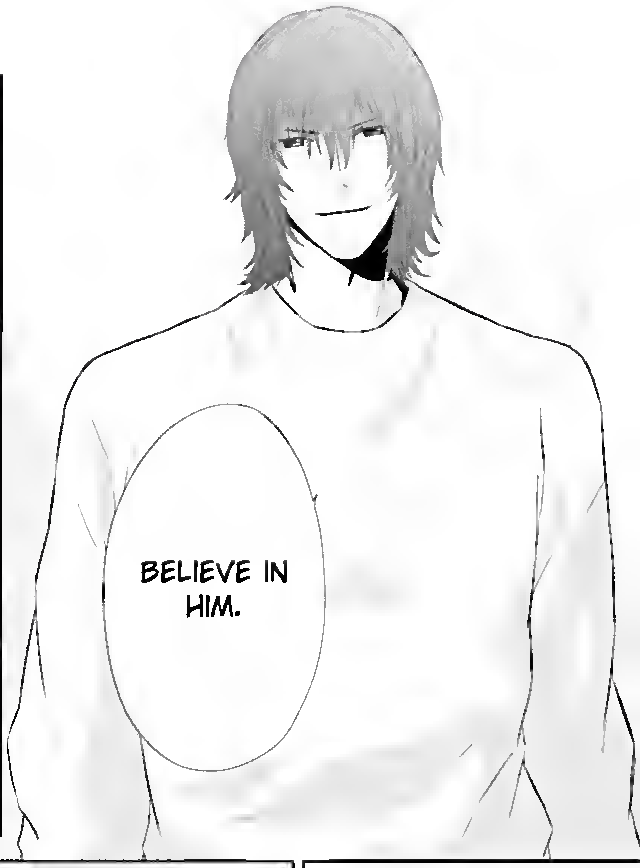
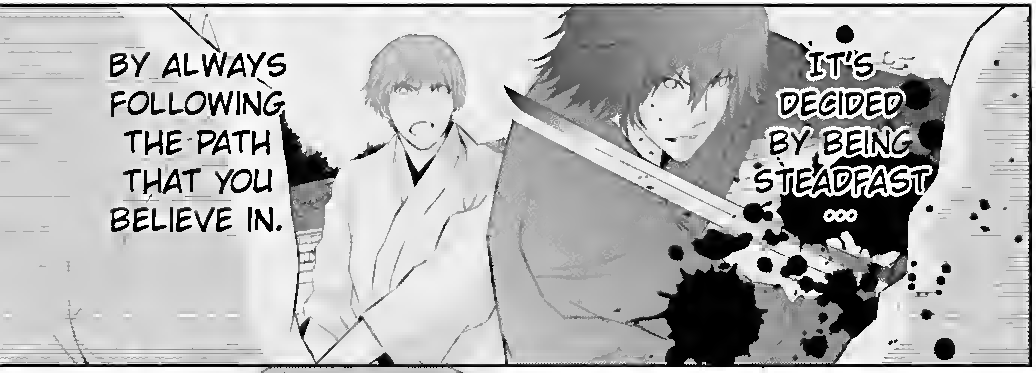

BELIEVE IN HIM.

....
YOSHICHIKA...
HARUMA...

....

...IS NOT DECIDED BY THE EYES OF OTHERS.
SOMETIMES,
WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG...

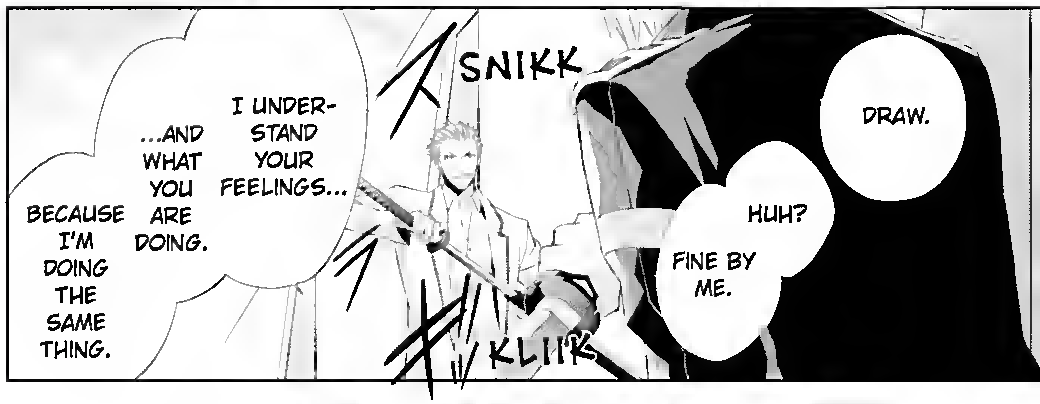

BY ALWAYS FOLLOWING THE PATH THAT YOU BELIEVE IN.
IT'S DECIDED BY BEING STEADFAST ...

...BOTH "RIGHT."
IN THAT SENSE...
SEISHIRO AND I WERE...

YOU BETTER NOT BE...
...GULLIBLE ENOUGHT TO BELIEVE EVERYTHING MY BROTHER SAID.
WAIT RIGHT THERE, WHITE-HAIR.
HEY.
HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, BUT I WILL!
NO. I'M NOT.
BUT THAT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME HE DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT! HE FRAMED MY BROTHER FOR ANOTHER CRIME BEFORE!
WHEN SEISHIRO DIED, EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW THAT SAINT KILLED INNOCENT PEOPLE.
MY BROTHER WAS TRICKED BY YOUR PRECIOUS SEISHIRO...
AND IS NOW ON DEATHROW IN HIS PLACE.

....
REMIND YOU OF ANYONE?
THAT'S TRUE.
FRSSH
AND I'LL PROVE MY BROTHER'S INNOCENCE, AND THAT BASTARD SEISHIRO'S CRIME!
I WILL...
...FIND THE TRUTH.
WE'RE THE SAME.
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
SMACK
I'LL BELIEVE IN
SEISHIRO.
HEH
AFTER ALL OF THIS...
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? SEISHIRO FRAMED MY BROTHER FOR HIS CRIMES AND TRIED GET AWAY WITH IT! HE'S "EVIL"!

...MAYBE YOU'LL KILL SOMEONE...
THEN BE KILLED YOURSELF...
...AND DIE A DOG'S DEATH LIKE HE DID.
SNAPP

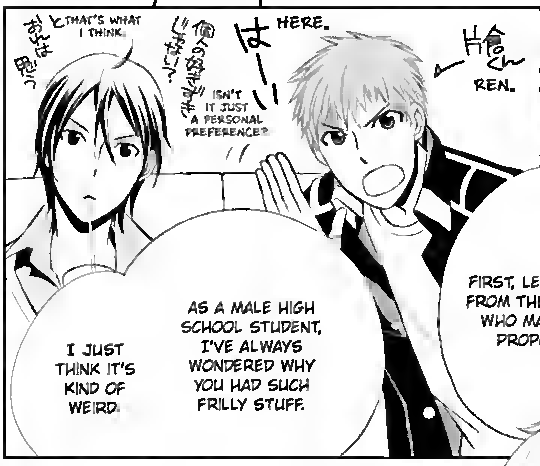

SNIKK
DRAW.
HUH?
FINE BY ME.
I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS...
...AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
BECAUSE I'M DOING THE SAME THING.
KLIK

BUT...
THAT'S WHY...
THERE'S A LINE YOU CAN'T CROSS.
CAN'T YOU TELL?

FWISSH
HAH!
TALK IS CHEAP!
PFTT
WHAT?
HE'S FAST...
HE'S...
IT'S TOO LATE.
THERE'S NO...
...GOING BACK NOW.
HE WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THE LAST TIME!
TWO WHO STRUGGLE FOR THEIR BELIEFS...
ARE NOW CLASHING BECAUSE OF THEM.

THIS WAS HOW IT HAS TO BE.
JUST SPLENDID...
HARUMA KOKONOE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, WHITE DAEMON.
APOLOGIZE ...
...WITH YOUR LIFE.
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU UNTIL THEN.
END

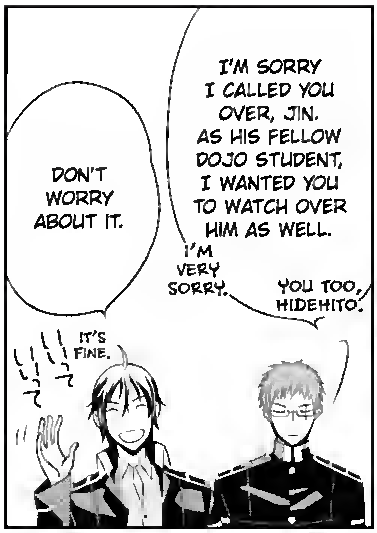
I'D LIKE TO START AN INVESTIGATION ON THE TOPIC, "WHY HARUMA KOKONOE'S PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE SO FANCY."
SO FOR TODAY, AT REN'S REQUEST...


HERE.
REN.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
ISN'T IT JUST A PERSONAL PREFERENCE?
I JUST THINK IT'S KIND OF WEIRD.
AS A MALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHY YOU HAD SUCH FRILLY STUFF.

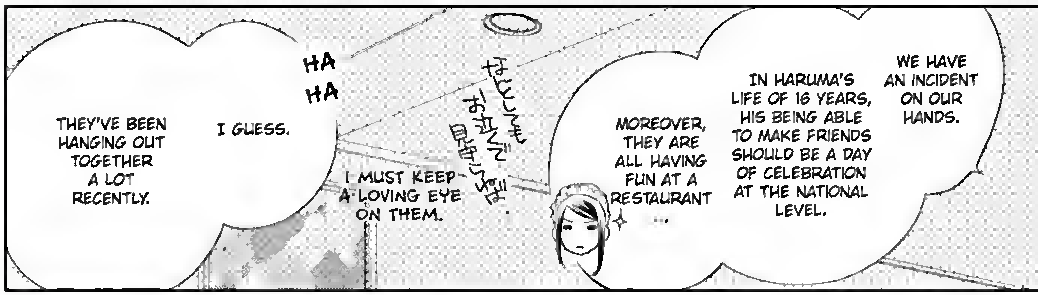
IN A RESTAURANT.
THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION ARE RIGHT HERE.
FIRST, LET'S HEAR FROM THE PERSON WHO MADE THE PROPOSAL.

AND SO ON AND/SO FORTH.
BESIDES, THIS ISN'T REALLY HARUMA'S PERSONAL TASTES. THERE'S THIS MAID WORKING FOR THE KOKONOE FAMILY THAT'S A BIT ODD.
HARUMA'S PERSONAL MAID
YOU RICH BOY!
WHOOP
UH-HUH
UH-HUH

KLUTTER
もしゃっ
WELL, I KNOW YOU FREAK OUT WHEN YOU FIRST SEE IT...
BUT IT'S NOT THAT BAD ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT.
THAT'S WHY I HAD HARUMA BRING SOME EXAMPLES
Let's investigate using these.
ALL THAT AND IT'S JUST "SOME" EXAMPLES?
THERE'S A WHOLE LOAD OF THEM!


I'M SORRY I CALLED YOU OVER, JIN. AS HIS FELLOW DOJO STUDENT, I WANTED YOU TO WATCH OVER HIM AS WELL.
I'M VERY SORRY.
YOU TOO, HIDEHITO.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S FINE.

偵察中。
RECONNAISSANCE
HARUMA IS HAVING A CHAT WITH FRIENDS...
GRIPP
HARUMA ISN'T TALKING AT ALL THOUGH.
Just as usual
HA HA
THE MAID IN QUESTION:
KASUGA TOMOE


THEY'VE BEEN HANGING OUT TOGETHER A LOT RECENTLY.
I GUESS.
HA HA
I MUST KEEP A LOVING EYE ON THEM.
MOREOVER, THEY ARE ALL HAVING FUN AT A RESTAURANT ...
IN HARUMA'S LIFE OF 16 YEARS, HIS BEING ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS SHOULD BE A DAY OF CELEBRATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
WE HAVE AN INCIDENT ON OUR HANDS.

BAMM
LEVEL 1: INSIDE THE BAG
LET'S START WITH AN EASY ONE FIRST.
BLINK
WHOA

NO WAY, MAN. EVEN THIS IS HARD TO SWALLOW.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE PRETTY WEIRDED OUT BY ALL OF THIS STUFF IN A BOY'S BAG.
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
HE'S USED TO IT.
THIS IS LEVEL ONE?
SEE? IT'S NOTHING MAJOR...
This is okay, right?
I THINK YOU'RE STARTING TO GET BIASED.
TA-DAA
SEISHIRO
誠士郎様
NEXT UP.
WOW... THIS IS...
LEVEL 2: LUNCH BOX SET
BOINKK
SO THE OFFICIAL DECISION IS THAT THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.
SERIOUSLY?
SHISEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL IS BOYS-ONLY.
BUT GIRLS WOULD (PROBABLY) LOVE IT.
They'd be like, "that's sooo cute!"
NO. I'M PRETTY SURE THEY WOULDN'T SAY THAT. THEY'D PROBABLY BE A LITTLE FREAKED OUT.
You've got some unrealistic ideas about girls.
BZZZ! EWWW, WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A LITTLE CREEPY.
REALITY
WHAT A JOKE!
BEAM
THIS IS AMAZING, BUT STILL WEIRD.
BUT IT TASTES REALLY REALLY GOOD!
THE TASTE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
SNAP OUT OF IT, IBUKI.

PLEASE TAKE THIS I'M GOOD AT MAKING THESE.
AND TAKE CARE OF HIM.
ALL I CAN DO IN HARUMA'S MOTHER'S PLACE... IS TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL MY HEART...
HARUMA LOST HIS MOTHER WHEN HE WAS SMALL...
AND HE WAS ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.
HARUMA IS SO UNFRIENDLY
YES.
ALTHOUGH, I TAUGHT THOSE MAIDS A LESSON AFTERWARD
EVEN THE OTHER SERVANTS TREATED HIM POORLY.
FORMER STREET THUGS
THIS IS ALL...
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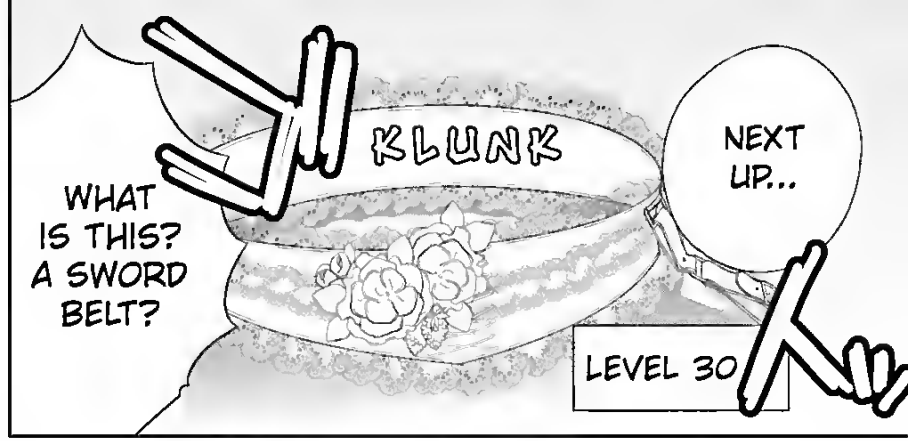
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WHAT IS THIS? A SWORD BELT?
NEXT UP...
LEVEL 30

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AGGITT
IT'S OKAY! DON'T WORRY! THAT'S A NORMAL REACTION!
Be confident!
WHOA!
EVEN HARUMA IS REACTING!
He looks upset...

WHAT DOES SHE WANT TO DO WITH HARUMA?
T-THIS IS SO OUT OF THIS WORLD THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK OF IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, HARUMA?
Oh...
EVEN I HAVE MY DOUBTS ABOUT THIS ONE

THAT'S OBVIOUS...
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BEATS ME.
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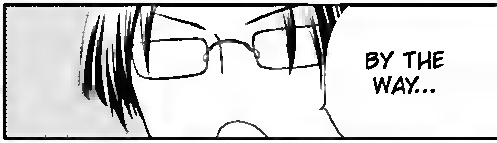
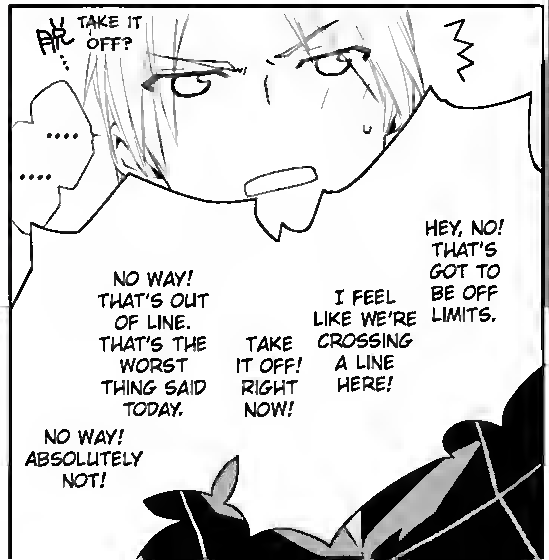
LOOK AT THE FRILLS.
SO, WHAT'S THE CONCLUSION?
ALL OF IT IS WEIRD.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLY...
...WEIRD.
These are not things a male high school student should be carrying.
HMM
....

YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE KOKONOE FAMILY. THEY'RE SUPER RICH.
Their daily lives are totally different from us.
U-UNDERWEAR? YOU HAVE STUFF FOR THAT, TOO?!
IS PART OF THE SWEET-BEARING CLASS, BUT THEIR FAMILIES ARE CURRENTLY DIMINISHING.


BY THE WAY...

JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION.
WHAT IS GOING ON...
UNDERNEATH?
SPECIFICALLY, HIS UNDERWEAR.


TAKE IT OFF?
....
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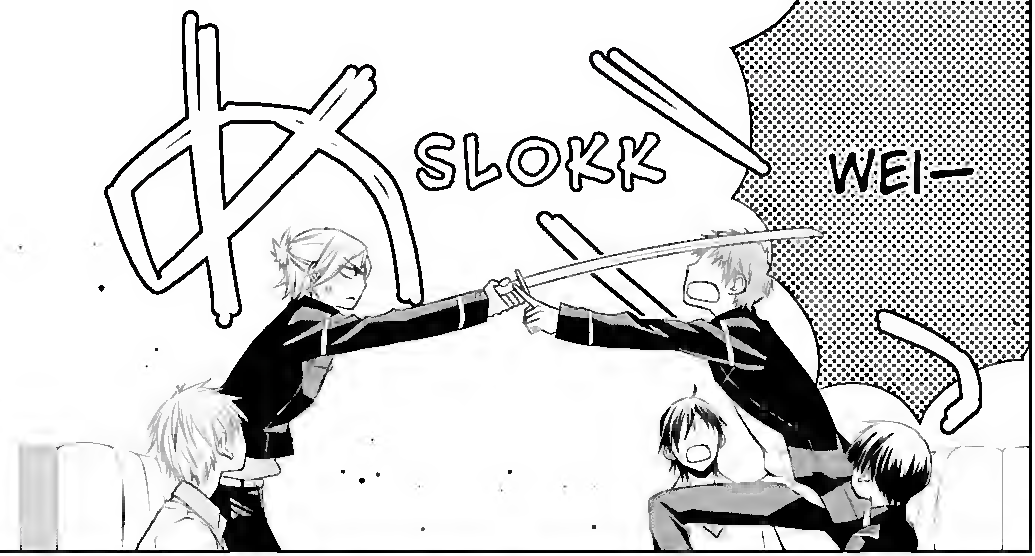
NO WAY! THAT'S OUT OF LINE. THAT'S THE WORST THING SAID TODAY.
TAKE IT OFF! RIGHT NOW!
I FEEL LIKE WE'RE CROSSING A LINE HERE!
HEY, NO! THAT'S GOT TO BE OFF LIMITS.
NO WAY! ABSOLUTELY NOT!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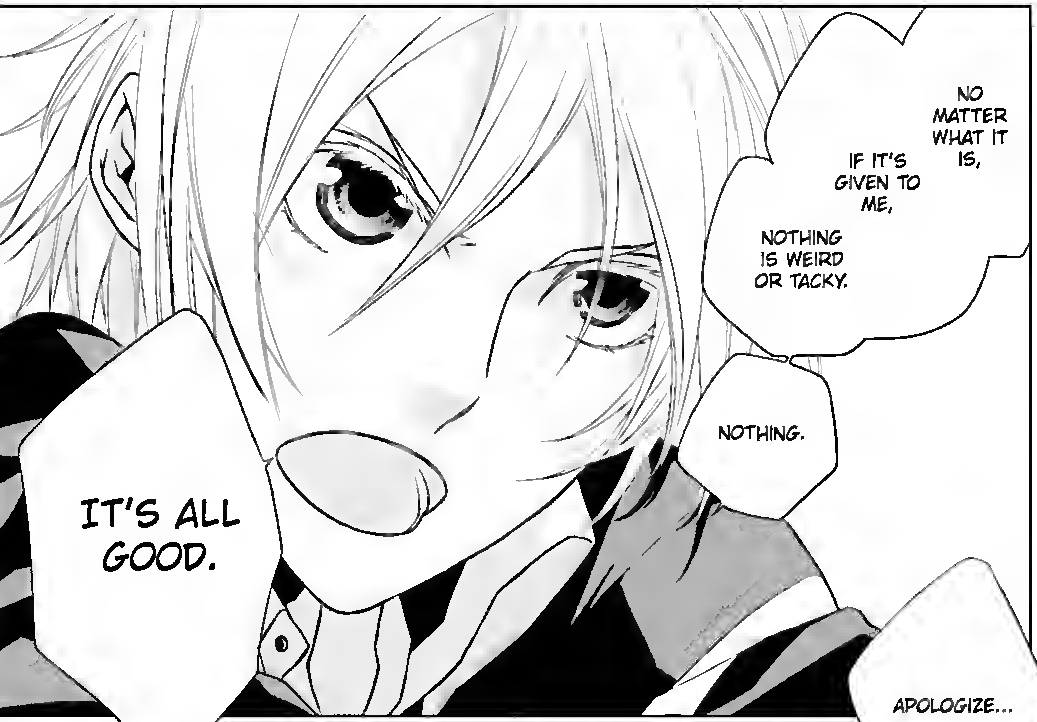
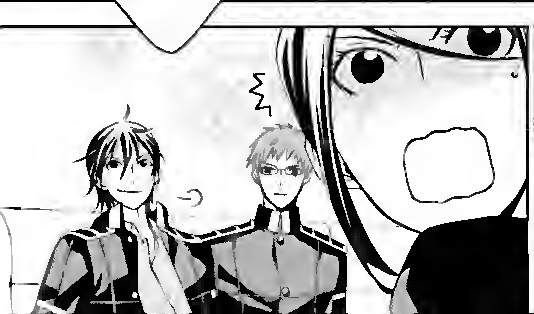

NO MATTER WHAT IT IS,
IF IT'S GIVEN TO ME,
NOTHING IS WEIRD OR TACKY.
NOTHING.
IT'S ALL GOOD.



APOLOGIZE...
...TO KASUGA!
EEK
I'M SORRY...
THE WHITE DAEMON IS SCARY!
YOU DESERVED IT.

THIS IS WHY I WANT TO SERVE HIM...

SAMURAI DRIVE

THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP VOL. 3! IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE REACHED THE THIRD VOLUME IN ANY OF MY COMICS. IT MAKES ME NERVOUS, BUT VERY HAPPY TOO! WOO HOO! THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY READERS FOR GIVING THEIR SUPPORT.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO READ MY COMIC.

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BLACK RABBIT
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AKANE & RAN —
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CUTEST CRY (MEOW)

MIKKO
KIDO
IIZUKA
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